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COOL IT FRANK

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WELCOME back home to the Winfield Socceroos following their runners-up record in the President's Cup.

And doubling the credit was that narrow but spine-tingling win over Everton of England just before they left for Seoul.

It has been a very demanding series of matches. There have been some ups and downs, but overall a strong side can be developed for the Olympic Games and the World Cup.

There is no doubt that plenty of pressure has gone on coach Frank Arok and his assistant Eddie

Thomson.

Frank has reacted strongly, and in fact he has now been dismissed from the bench three times since 1985.

Fistly in Israel Italian referee Luigi Agnolin moved him out.

Then in the current tournament it occurred

again in both the Fortuna Sittard and Korea A games.

One can be very sympathetic to coaches who react strongly to decisions made on important occasions.

But coaches call on players to discipline themselves.

They get no joy over members of their squads

who are sent off, nor do they when cautions are handed out.

And so a coach like Frank Arok must not let the tides of fortune upset him more than the permitted amount.

The record shows some excellent sets of performances by the national team under Arok's guidance.

Results have been highly creditable against national and club teams such as Scotland, Israel, New Zealand, Red Star, Juventus, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and the rest.

So, welcome back to the Roos, and settle down Frank, because Australia needs a top coach who can continue on at full bore under every sort of circumstance.

The Soccer public will be right behind you for the job ahead.

WELCOME HOME, SOCCEROOS!



AUSTRALIAN coach Frank Arok and captain Charlie Yankos with the runners-up trophy for the President's Cup upon arrival at Sydney Airport yesterday afternoon.

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A BETTER DEAL

BY RAY GATT

COACH Les Scheinflug, appears to have won his battle for a better preparation for the Australian under-19 team.

ASF executive director Brian Emery said that tentative arrangements had been made for three matches against the New Caledonian senior team in New Caledonia next month.

As well, there is a possibility that the Australians could have two or three matches in Argentina on their way to the world youth Cup finals in Chile in October.

The latest news is a triumph for Scheinflug, who was concerned that his young charges would be under-prepared for the finals.

He clashed heatedly with Emery on the subject and, at one stage, was told

that if he did not like it, he could resign.

Now, it seems, all is rosy again.

"There are still quite a few loose ends to tie and, so as not to risk disappointing the players, I would not like to say that the trip is definitely on," Emery said.

"However, talks are under way and I am hopeful something suitable can be arranged."

The plan is for the Young Socceroos to play three matches against New Caledonia which would replace a week long training camp Scheinflug had planned in Sydney at the same time.

Scheinflug said he was

now more than satisfied with what is being done to help the Young Socceroos.

"If it comes off, the trip could not come at a better time," he said.

"We would be playing against a senior team, in a strange climate and under different conditions. At least the boys would get used to playing away from home."

Emery said he was also awaiting confirmation from FIFA, the world's ruling body on Soccer, regarding the chances of playing lead-up games in Argentina.

"As long as FIFA agree, I'm sure something can be arranged," he said.

BRUNSWICK JUVE'S NEW HOME

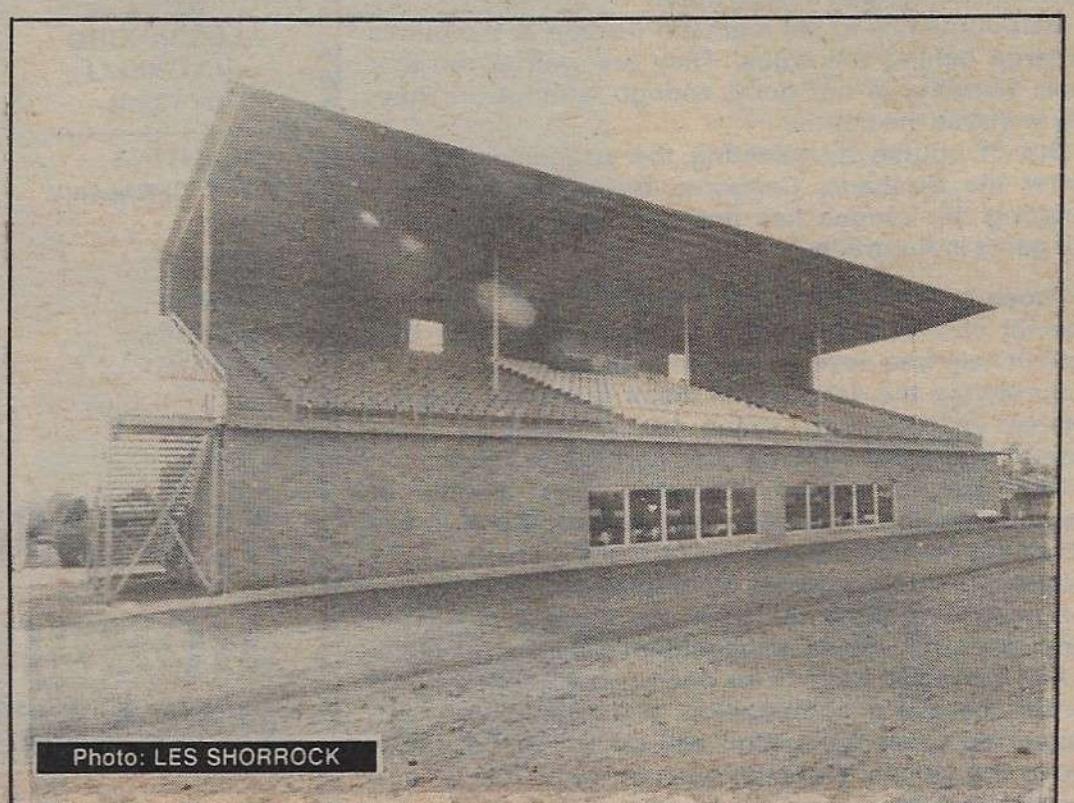


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The palatial John Cain Park stand, with restaurant below.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS is moving to John Cain Park, and their first home match will be against Heidelberg United on Sunday week.

The loss of parking space due to the building of the new National Tennis Centre has made their former home Olympic Park more and more difficult to use.

The John Cain Park stand seats 1100 and has a 45 table restaurant underneath. The ground is complete with an electronic scoreboard.

Northcote City, in the Victorian State League, use the ground on Saturdays, leaving it free for Brunswick on Sundays.

The Northcote City Council has granted use of the ground to the club for this year and next.

It would not surprise if they settle there for good.

The Editor

KOREAN CAMPAIGN PERSPECTIVE

WRITES RALE RASIC

Twas great to have Australia's Socceroos competing in an Asian tournament to get more experience as the leadup to the Olympic Games and World Cup campaigns.

And having SBS Television cover brought the series to many thousands of Australian homes — a figure that would have been greatly exceeded had there been complementary advertising support.

But there has been a downside, and that has been the suspension of the National competition.

Some clubs have complained that they have been deprived of revenue needed to keep their affairs on the road and their players paid.

Also that interstate games have made calls on their players. But surely these games at some stage must be fostered to bring the general public back to the sport.

The NSL bent over backwards to assist the national coach and team, but we can only hope that the cost will not be too great as the competition resumes.

No more than three players from any one club were away in South Korea.

Surely if a club is of NSL quality it should be capable of putting a good side on the field with only up to three places to be filled.

The clubs, with players who would have had to be replaced are: ADELAIDE CITY: Charlie Villani, APIA-LEICHHARDT: Jean-Paul de Marigny, Charlie Yank, BRUNSWICK: Andrew Zinni, FOOTSCRAY: Oscar Crino, HEIDELBERG: Alan Hunter, Jeff Olver, MARCONI: Frank Farina, MELBOURNE CROATIA: Robbie Dunn, ST GEORGE: Mike Gibson, SOUTH MELBOURNE: Alan Davidson, Gary McDowall, Paul Wade, SYDNEY CROATIA: Graham Arnold, Graham Jennings, Wally Savor, SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Chris Kalantzis, Peter Raskopoulos.

The argument against playing — if overseas trips have to be held in season — runs along the lines that clubs' relegation prospects in particular can be compromised.

Well, rugby league and Australian rules have an answer for that. They insist upon promoting continuity for their major clubs so that they can build up without undue upsets.

They realise, although they may even wish to utilise promotion and relegation, that it has many impracticable aspects in Australia.

Actually promotion and relegation in Australia only came with post-war migration. The current management survey should examine the fragmentation aspects involved.

In any case there is still the point that a club which competes in the NSL should have the playing staff to carry it through even if a couple of players are overseas.

But again it must be hoped that enthusiasm immediately re-kindles for the big games involving the NSL teams.

—oo—

There is good reason for the NSL to try to secure a suitable public relations man in Melbourne to improve the NSL clubs' image there.

Melbourne has to get a greater portion of the public at large behind the clubs. They are well aware that their standing is not good enough without our having to stress the points.

But of course by rejecting the suggestion to still cover the Brisbane, Canberra, Newcastle and Wollongong the League has not improved the future of the game in Australia.

Those centres are surely entitled to ask why, if a special officer is appointed to Melbourne, why this type of help was never extended to them.

Surely too the securing of major sponsors and the interest in television, press and radio cover must extend where there are matches across the states.

Our ground survey indicates that quality of grounds should have been one of the criteria in determining membership of the 14 team league, as was originally said but rejected by officialdom.

Somewhere along the track the clubs that do not have modern, capable management will have to act.

And there will have to be deep consideration given to the League's composition and procedures, because the present position will do very little to improve the games' standing against rugby league and Australian rules.

The sport of Soccer still could be very big in Australia, but that involves increased high quality management and top research and implementation.



The Australia squad.

WE hear from the series in South Korea many names of the competing teams.

Unfortunately we cannot take what we hear at face value.

Competing is stated to be ARGENTINA. Could they be the world champions?

Then there is HUNGARY. Is this the national team of the country that revolutionised modern football...

MOROCCO — they represented Africa in the 1986 World Cup.

CHILE — they have a superior record in international football.

IRELAND — over the last eight years both Northern Ireland and the Republic have had sound records in international football.

And then there is HOLLAND, the country that astounded the world with its 1974 concept of 'total football'.

There is something behind these names — club sides such as Fortuna Sittard (Holland), Shamrock Rovers (Ireland) and a Chilean Second Division combination (Chile) for example.

So why the misleading labels?

I can remember Wollongong City playing overseas and being classed as 'Australia'. And Western Australia used to go to the Merdeka Tournament under the same incorrect label.

Insult

I don't think the National Federations of the countries involved would be pleased to have their teams branded as national teams. They would be insulted.

And is it fair to the Australian public to have them misinformed?

In saying this I am certainly not criticising our own good team.

They have received good preparation, especially from the viewpoint of the grounds, climatic conditions, facilities and accommodation they have experienced.

In playing together for a few weeks they have received an opportunity that not many national teams in the world have, and they absorb atmosphere.

But there is yet another angle.

If you took state teams such as NSW, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia they would do as well against Australia as well as teams like Korea B and Shamrock Rovers could do.

You have to give credit where it is due to our players for what they could do, and put the Korea tournament in perspective.

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RALE RASIC SPEAKS HIS MIND

Former Socceroo coach RALE RASIC writes for ASW and pulls on punches.



This week Rale takes a look at Parklea's Valentine Park.

THEIR HEARTS RIGHT

BY RAY GATT

MOST football coaches would give an arm and a leg to have just one Wayne Pearce in their team. Blacktown City Soccer coach Les Scheinflug says he is blessed because he considers he has a whole squad of Pearces.

Before Soccer people get up in arms over thoughts of Rugby League tactics in Soccer and visions of his team going around bringing their opponents down with flying tackles, Scheinflug's comments should be clarified.

The comparisons between the Balmain and Australian representative and the Blacktown players are based purely on the Demons' appetite for training.

It is common knowledge that Pearce is regarded as the most dedicated trainer in League and, as a result, is probably the fittest footballer in Sydney.

"They say Pearce is a super trainer — well, I'm lucky enough to have a whole

team like him," Scheinflug said.

"My boys have a tremendous capacity to train and learn and there isn't one player I would regard as a slack trainer.

"From involvements with past teams I have coached you usually get a couple who lag behind. But, no-one bludges in this squad."

The benefit of the work the players and Scheinflug have put in so far this season are there for all to see.

Blacktown are at the top of the State Bank League competition, having a two point lead over nearest rivals Canberra Griffins, who, admittedly have a game in hand.

Needless to say, other comparisons are being

made, especially along the lines that this Blacktown side would be more than a match for half the clubs in the National League.

The Demons, who have the perfect blend of youth and experience, have built their reputation on the strength of their work on the ball, speed, skill and fitness.

Leading the way is the talented central defender Kurt Reynolds, who is also Scheinflug's captain in the Young Socceroos team to compete in the world youth championship finals in Chile in October.

"If there is one player who has stood out this season it is Reynolds," Scheinflug said. "What a player."

Parklea's magnificent complex

YOU ARE MY VALENTINE!

VALENTINE PARK, situated at Parklea in Sydney's outer western suburbs, is a marvellous monument to dedication and vision.

Its facilities are potentially superb, and I believe they are to be further improved.

But I well recall the days in the early seventies when it was just paddocks and chicken sheds.

When we stayed at the camp for coaching courses we used to grab a few eggs and skylark away by throwing them at each other.

Parklea could be the giant in Soccer development, but at this stage it is not being exploited to its real potential.

It should be dedicated more to achieving the objectives of high performance sport, both in coaching of coaches and of high performance players.

Our National youth team goes there, but this is more for the reason of economics.

I would take a parallel over the earlier use of Englefield Stadium at Dural.

Englefield is also in a perfect setting and it wasn't utilised enough.

Originally there wasn't much accommodation, but that was improved out of all sight.

The ground was first class for preparing teams. It was quiet and away from the hustle and bustle of city life and transport.

Gutendorf

But when the flamboyant Rudi Gutendorf took over as national coach that sort of area didn't suit his lifestyle. So it was off to the big city hotels and that I think, was a mistake.

Since the days of Englefield Stadium the Valentine Park complex has gone from strength to strength.

In many ways it reminds me of the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

I regard myself as one of six people who were unfortunate enough to have participated in the design of the Institute.

The principles involved in our submission were twofold — to handle high performance athletes and the preparation of coaches.

Bob Ellicott was the Minister involved.

I am afraid that it was a case of some political purpose being superimposed on the project, and then the original objectives were lost.

Today at the AIS the squad lives in, with two full-time coaches on the job.

In my view this isn't right.

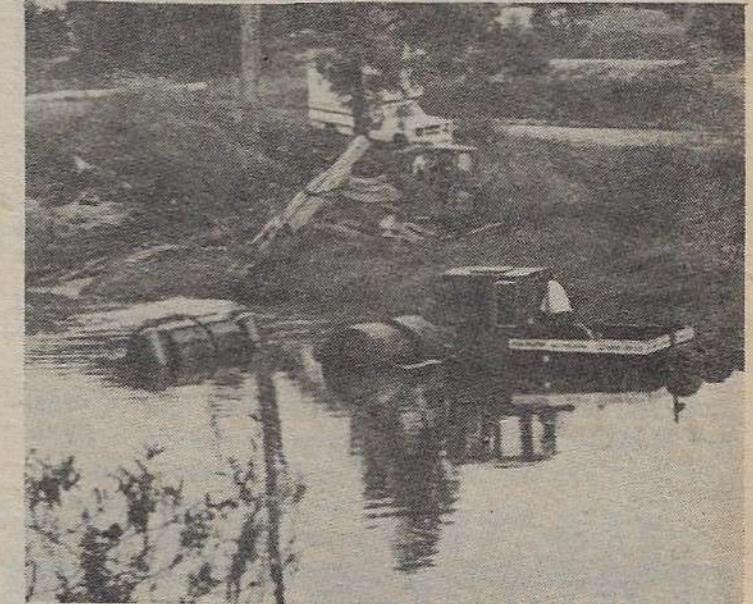
It would be much better if the coaches were producing coaches.

Teams should come just in preparation for World Championships, Olympic

Somehow we have lost track, and overall I can see our development taking place better at Parklea.

The AIS I consider has totally lost its purpose but Soccer should find its own at Parklea.

It is hard to conceive that 16/18 year old boys need to go fulltime in our type of setup.



Parklea's formative days.

Games and events of that quality.

Too often kids come in at 16 to 18 years and live at the Institute. They can become fed up, homesick and then say goodbye.

The AIS Soccer squad travels long distances, spends long hours in the bus every second week just to play non-competitive football.

When we went to the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany we used the sports centre at Hamburg and I would class the facilities there as simply unbelievable.

Valentine Park is a job well done and a great credit to the enterprise of the NSW Soccer Federation.

It is great to know that it will be going further ahead still.

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EGYPT OUTCLASSES AUSTRALIA

EGYPT could consider themselves most unlucky when the Socceroos defeated them on penalties to deny the North African champions a spot in the final of the President's Cup tournament in Seoul.

With a fulltime scoreline of 0-0, and still the same after extra time, a penalty shootout was ordered.

Once again, Australia's super-hero was goalkeeper Jeff Olver.

Olver must have started to feel like Hercules as he has of late virtually carried Australia on his back.

In the penalty shootout, Olver pulled off two great saves to send Egypt crashing out of the President's Cup final.

At first it looked really grim for Australia as best penalty-taker Oscar Crino smashed Australia's first kick against the base of the right post.

But then Olver took over as Yankos, Farina, McDowell and finally Hunter were all successful with their shots giving Australia a berth in the final with a 4-3 win.

Egypt completely out-

classed the Australians in all departments other than in the first 15 minutes when Australia looked as if they were going to steamroll their opponents.

The Egyptian defenders did what the Australian back failed to do throughout the President's Cup tournament.

Their defenders constantly contributed to the attack forcing Australia to lose control in their pick-up work, especially inside their own box.

The Egyptians proved to be a real surprise.

They were fast, strong and never backed off in the physical play.

Australia slowly but surely began to struggle.

The back four of Wally Savor, Robbie Dunn, Charlie Yankos and Graham Jennings were under a constant Egyptian siege.

And the midfield creativity of Peter Raskopoulos and Paul Wade was very quickly shut down by the Egyptians.

The second half saw Crino come on in place of a disappointing Andrew Zinni and Australia for a moment looked as if they were going to get back into the game.

The Socceroos however again began to wilt and their level of fitness came into question.

On the other hand the Egyptians showed little, if any signs of fatigue having also played six matches over 12 days.

Only flanker Frank Farina looked dangerous for Australia.

Australia qualified for the 17th President's Cup final against South Korea A.

AUSTRALIA: Olver; Savor, Dunn, Yankos, Jennings; Wade, Raskopoulos (Hunter), McDowell; Farina, Arnold, Zinni (Crino).



Graham Jennings

A new, hard hitting column. Presenting ...

SHORROCK'S SHENANIGANS

WHEN is a live telecast not a live telecast? Apparently as far as SBS TV is concerned, whenever it doesn't interfere with scheduled programmes, as Green Gully Soccer Club found out to its dismay last Saturday week.

for?

The unfortunate referee in that game — a FIFA ref from the US named Robert Evans — was damned before he started by Murray who prefaced his commentary with the remark, "Frank Arok has seen this fellow and doesn't fancy him".

So, ever after that, we were regaled with comments like "this ref's a novice" with "guest" commentator Jean-Paul de Marigny chiming in "yes, Les he's Having a terrible game, isn't he?".

Still, I suppose the Mickey Mouse commentary fits in well with a Mickey Mouse tournament which passes off Shamrock Rovers as Ireland. Didn't that cause a few hundred Irishmen to get their knickers in a knot!

The Shamrock Rovers looked about as fit as our local pub team after a heavy night on the Guinness. They were obviously there on an end of season trip, guest players and all.

Whilst it's good to see an Australian team doing well anywhere, let's not get carried away.

Although it's a benefit to have the team playing together regularly, even though the game against Fortuna Sittard showed that we cannot do without certain key players, was this tournament important enough to justify ruining the League programme?

Real World

MEANWHILE, back in the real world, clubs are preparing to restart in the NSL, but a couple of well-known coaching faces will be missing on June 28.

Preston has sacked Billy Murray and could be going for Terry Hennessy, but in the meantime, assistant coach Ernie Merrick is holding the reins.

And at George Cross, Jimmy Rooney will be in charge whilst John Gardiner is in Scotland taking his Scottish Football Association Senior coaching badge.

Gardiner nearly didn't make the trip. The day before Cross' last game against Melbourne Croatia, he broke his leg playing for Provisional

League side Chelsea.

But a small matter of a broken leg wouldn't stop John. He flew off with wife Margaret with his plastered leg propped up on a stool.

After visiting relatives in the US, he's now recruiting for Georgie and says he's been overwhelmed by the response. Georgie fans can look forward to three new Scotsman to reinforce the squad before the transfer deadline.

Billy Murray wasn't bitter about his sacking when I spoke to him, in fact he said that with another baby due in the Murray household in five weeks' time he was looking forward to some time at home.

But he admitted he was disappointed and thought his sacking was premature. "We had so many injuries that we were never able to field our first team," he said.

"At some time or other we had Ian Dobson, Ian Roodhouse, George Petrov, Zoran Tasevski and Goce Dimovski, all injured and we never had a settled team. Now, of course, Ian Dobson is on the transfer list at \$20,000. You can't help feeling that without Dobson's calming influence at the back, Preston will be like a ship without a rudder."

There will be some new faces at Footscray when the season resumes. Midfielder Ken Murphy will be moving from South Melbourne as soon as the paperwork is completed and he will be joined by Drago Deakovic who last appeared in Melbourne in a Croatia shirt.

Last week the NSL Tribunal set his transfer fee at \$12,000, which pleases Footscray immensely, but has left Croatia fuming.

"How could the Tribunal value such a good player so cheaply when it made us pay \$30,000 for Alan Davidson whom South got back from Nottingham Forest for only \$10,000", says Croatia spokesman Steve Drazetic angrily.

Croatia has signed Northern Ireland international goalkeeper George Dunlop on a two year contract and expects him to arrive soon. Dunlop got his one cap against Israel in 1985.

LOOKING AT THE BIG SCHINTLER FRACAS

BY LES SHORROCK

I WAS fascinated to read the letter by Mr Joseph Sabelja B.E. in our last issue regarding the fracas at Schintler Reserve recently.

I presume that when Mr Sabelja refers to 'Les' he means me, and not Les Murray (or even Sir Les Patterson?).

But there can be a problem when you are apparently one-eyed, even if you have had a good education and a university degree in that you only see what you want to see.

To be specific, Mr Sabelja didn't see Footscray supporters throwing rocks through the fence at Sydney Croatia players, or anything thrown at Anthony Franken.

Unlike the Sydney Morning Herald and the Sydney Sun, which were not represented at the match, I WAS there, and not in the press box either, but on the touchline.

So in case well-educated Mr Sabelja or anyone else has misread my report, let me re-cap.

What happened was that about twenty minutes before the kick-off, about 40 or 50 young hooligans carrying Croatia banners and some even wearing Croatian T-shirts came down Footscray Road, climbing over the fence along the railway embankment and into the ground.

I guess even Mr Sabelja would agree that they wouldn't be Footscray supporters.

They stayed in a tight little knot at the railway end, which was defended by Sydney Croatia, hence no stones were thrown at Anthony Franken.

At half-time they rushed halfway round the ground to the race, where they spent the break hurling abuse at the Footscray supporters. The players were not involved, they were in the dressing rooms.

Then this mob rushed back to 'their' end and as the game re-started began to pelt Zoran Nikitovic with whatever they could lay their hands on, until the police lined up along that fence.

The Skybus that took the Sydney Croatia players back to the airport was parked within ten yards of the players' race, which makes the SMH quote by Graham Arnold: 'I never ran so fast in my life' a fabrication on someone's part.



Action from Footscray — Croatia.

And the police didn't arrive 'luckily in the time' to save the bus at all, they were there from the start.

All four TV stations were tipped off anonymously days before the game that there was going to be trouble, and they were there in force ... Soccer violence always makes such a good story doesn't it, for those TV stations who despise Soccer.

I hold no brief for anyone, and last year I was equally vociferous about a mob of young idiots who used to embarrass South Melbourne by calling themselves the 'Hellas Hooligans' and aped Chelsea's National Front thugs, even to the extent of waving a Nazi flag.

Thankfully after some exposure they seem to have quietened down or grown-up although they did fight a pitched battle with the Croatia 'supporters' in the Olympic Park carpark after this year's Buffalo Cup final when the South Melbourne bus windows were smashed and considerable damage was done to Olympic Park No.2's grandstand.

What disappoints me most though about Mr Sabelja's letter is that he failed to take my point.

I had tried to make it abundantly clear that I was not criticising ALL Croatians, or whitewashing Footscray supporters.

To be quite frank, unless they were wearing some identification, I wouldn't know one from another, nor for that can I distinguish Serbs, Herzegovinians or Macedonians.

But what bothers me as a journalist of more than 30 years experience, is the way that the game is turned into a political arena by some people.

That's the difference between these yobs and the Hellas Hooligans. The Hooligans don't want to overthrow anybody, they just want to be nasty.

So all I can say to Mr Sabelja is simply this ... instead of questioning my integrity as a journalist, please just take off the blinkers, friend.

AUSSIE JOEYS ON THE HOP!

By FRANK COLETTA

IT's all systems go for the Under 16 Australian side as they prepare for the World Championships in Canada.

Prior to jetting off for the clashes with Saudi Arabia, Brazil and France the youngsters have a date with the NSW Under 18 representatives on July 1 kicking off at 8pm.

The game, to be played at Mt. Druitt's Popenetta Park, will be for charity with all proceeds going to the Children's Ward at Mt. Druitt Hospital.

The match is being sponsored by Rowes Bus Company of Plumpton and Glen Warner Printing of Quakers' Hill.

Referee for the friendly match is Doug Rennie and admission to the game is FREE. Early games will start at 5.15pm.

A souvenir programme is being produced and again all proceeds from those purchased will be donations to the very worthwhile cause.

Entertainment on the night includes the Hills District Pipe band and sure to be one of the big attractions, the Australian

Cowgirls!

Much of the local businesses in Mt. Druitt have got behind this occasion, particularly those of Emerton Village.

It is in fact the National Under 16's only game before departing on Friday the 3rd for Amsterdam via KLM airlines.

The squad will assemble on Monday the 29th and begin the campaign for World glory from that day.

Whilst in Amsterdam the Joeys will play one warm-up game at least and possibly another whilst the NSW Under 18's will be using Wednesday's match as preparation for the National titles the following week.

From Amsterdam the Under 16's will be prepared for their opening match on July 12 against Saudi Arabia as FIFA has refused permission for any practice matches in Canada to all of the participating finalists.

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PRESIDENTS CUP DETAILS

Australia 1 Morocco 0 (Farina), Australia 2 Chilean Select. 0 (McDowell, Arnold), Australia 1 Shamrock Rovers 0 (Farina), Australia 5 Korea B 0 (Farina 2, Yankos (pen), Crino, Arnold), Australia 1 Fortuna Sittard 1 (Hunter).

GROUP B FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	5	4	1	0	10	1	9
Korea B	5	3	1	1	6	5	7
Fortuna Sittard	5	2	1	2	5	8	5
Morocco	5	1	2	2	6	6	4
Chilean Select.	5	1	2	2	3	6	4
Shamrock Rovers	5	0	1	4	0	4	1

THE SEMI-FINALS

Australia 0 Egypt 0 aet. (4-3 on pens)
Korea A 3 Korea B 1 aet.

THE FINAL

Korea A 1 Australia 1 aet. (Arnold)
Korea A won President's Cup 5-4 on penalties.
For Australia: Crino, Yankos, Davidson, Dunn scored.
Farina and Raskopoulos had shots saved.



CHARLIE YANKOS

Young Aussie stars for Canada

NSW 18s FAREWELL AUSSIE 16s AT POPPENDETTE PARK

IN the build up for the U/16 World Championships in Canada in July the Australian squad will be in camp at Valentine Park prior to their departure on July 2.

Mt Druitt Soccer Club are putting on a promotion game between the Australian U/16 squad and the NSW U/18 state squad at Poppendetta Park on Wednesday July 1 with an 8pm kick-off.

This is a charity game with the proceeds going to the childrens ward of the Mt Druitt Hospital.

Doug Rennie will referee the game and the Australian Cowgirls will provide the entertainment before the game and at the interval.

With many of the Australian squad from NSW, this is a good opportunity to see some of the fine young players from our state as well as from the rest of Australia.

It would be great to see a good crowd to send the team off to Canada as well as seeing the NSW squad before the national championships to be held at Valentine Park from July 6/11.

The NSW squad, with a good number of players

from last year's successful U/16 national championship team, are really looking forward to the contest and to their championships.

The following squad, which will be finalised to a 16 man squad, has been in training for a few weeks.

NSW Under 18: John Filan (St George), Jeff Allport (Wollongong Macedonia), Paul Geizen-camp (St George), Zoran Naumovski (St George), Peter Bennett (Blacktown City), Jason Higgs (Illawarra), Eric Hrist (Sydney Olympic), Mineo Bonetig (Wollongong Macedonia), Steve Refines (Sydney Olympic), Zoran Illic (St George), Robert Harmat (St George), Paul Welch (AIS), John Gibson (AIS), George Sorras (Sydney Olympic), Sean Scott (Kingsford), Jamie Warren (Wollongong Macedonia), Trevor Daley (Melita Eagles), Robbie Stawer (Sydney Olympic), Kerry Agiosotis (Marconi), Eddie Battistera (Blacktown City), Paul Hayward

(Blacktown City), David Seal (Sydney Olympic). Coach: Alan Vest. Trainer:

— ALAN VEST

KOREA A team well outclassed the Socceroos in the President's Cup final in Seoul, despite the match having to be decided by a sudden death penalty series which the home side won 5-4.



OSCAR CRINO

match, but their replacements Oscar Crino and Alan Davidson did not disappoint.

Australia looked effective in the opening 10 minutes, but after that it was all Korea.

Sharp, fast running and quick short, precise passing, found the Koreans ripping the Australians to shreds.

The last time these two nations met was back in 1982 when Australia defeated Korea in the Merlion Cup Final.

But this was not to be Australia's day.

In fact, it must be said that Australia to all intents and purposes should never have made it to the final.

In the semi-finals two days prior, Egypt was far better in all departments

than Australia, but Olver's magical performance with the gloves in yet another penalty shoot-out, lifted the Socceroos into the final.

Korea showed no mercy as they tore into Australia and for the first time we witnessed something never before seen from a Korean team.

And that was the Korean's constant dominance in all aerial battles. They won absolutely everything in the air that came their way.

Australia lacked method in their play and only flanker Frank Farina's scorching pace proved any threat to the Koreans.

But then again, Farina was always left on his own with no support when going forward.

Shots rained in on Olver's goals with monotonous regularity, but all

thankfully just off target.

The 73rd minute was disaster for Australia as left back Graham Jennings lost possession and allowed Korea in to score.

Yo Bum Kyu gathered the ball in and raced in from the right, ducking and weaving his way past two Australian defenders before crashing home a 10 metre thunderbolt to put Korea ahead.

Ten minutes later, Australia's central striker, Graham Arnold, balanced the books at the other end and lifted Australia's hopes of victory.

Arnold stole possession off a Korean defender's misdirected header and raced away to smash into the target a vicious right-footed 10 metre drive.

Fourteen minutes into extra time, coach Frank Arrok completed his hat-trick of send-offs when the Singaporean referee, Mr

Chundra, waved Arrok off from the sidelines for rushing to the touchline to dispute a foul involving substitute Andrew Zinni.

Just five minutes after this incident Australia looked down the barrel of certain defeat. A point-blank Korean shot zeroing for the Australians' goals, was brilliantly kicked off the line by Socceroo skipper and sweeper, Charlie Yankos.

Australia has much work to be done even though we have players overseas like David Mitchell and Jimmy Patikas to be called into the national squad.

Relying most heavily on the brilliance of Jeff Olver is just not the way to go.

AUSTRALIA: Olver: Savor, Dunn, Yankos, Jennings: Wade (Raskopoulos 69th) Crino, Davidson: Farina, Arnold, Kalantzis (Zini 63rd). Referee: Mr Chundra (Singapore).

Victoria Or NSW

AIS STORMS AHEAD

BY TIM WHITE
Victorian Director of Coaching

VICTORIA's loss can be New South Wales' gain in 1988, if they choose to allow the Australian Institute of Sport to join their State Bank League.

eroded.

Club and players' pride have taken over and now there is a race on to determine which club can inflict its first defeat on the A.I.S.

Their admission to the Victorian State League in 1987 has up to now been an unqualified success. There are still murmurs of uncertainty regarding the arrangement whereby the A.I.S. cannot win the league championship.

The reason for this is one which is governed by constitutional matters.

On the positive side the performances of the team both on and off the field have gained them the admiration of many people in Victoria.

The early season predictions of Victorian State League teams not fielding their full strength sides and even not trying in the games have in fact

which has been performed.

An exercise I might add which has been performed by the boys themselves, who have won the hearts of the Victorian State League.

Gary Cole's appointment as assistant coach at the A.I.S. will further enhance the credibility and ability of this talented squad.

Rudi Krol, that excellent Dutch player was once asked: "What would happen at Ajax when a new manager with new ideas took over?"

"It doesn't matter," replied the brilliant Dutchman, "we were taught correctly when we were young. We will always be able to play."

What price can be put on that sort of upbringing?

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ROBBIE SLATER on the move for his club Sydney Croatia.

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*APIA-Leichhardt led the National League into the three-week recess.

The Italian-backed club leads on 16 points after 10 games, three ahead of Sydney Croatia who have played one less game.

Behind them come Marconi on 12, Brunswick and Melbourne Croatia on 11 and champions Adelaide City share joint sixth spot with Cup finalists South Melbourne on ten.

*ROD BROWN leads the scorers list with 11 goals. Behind him are Robbie Slater (Syd Croatia) on 9 and Lawrie McKinna (Heidelberg), Frank Farina (Marconi) and Paul Lewis (Melb. Croatia) all on 6.

*When the League recommences on June 28 APIA has the bye whilst the rest of the draw is:

Melb. Croatia v Preston, Marconi v South Melb., Heidelberg v Sydney Croatia, Sydney Olympic v Sunshine G.C., Adelaide City v Brunswick and Footscray v St George.

BY FRANK COLETTA

DESPITE entering the three-week National League recess on the end of a 3-2 home loss to champions Adelaide City, the Sydney Croatia side should regather its momentum with the resumption and continue to mount a lethal challenge at the title.

For so long the pacemakers in the championship, Croatia gradually allowed APIA-Leichhardt to overhaul them at the top of the table.

Although having three representatives in the Socceroo squad taking part in Korea, the rest of the Croatian outfit will benefit from the break — Zarko Odzakov and Robbie Slater in particular.

Graham Arnold, Graham Jennings and Wally Savor however cannot be expected to come up fresh following a demanding President's Cup schedule.

Odzakov, the king-pin of the Croatia midfield, will be out to prove himself once more after the classy performances of Oscar Crino in his return to the

INCONSISTENCY PLAGUES BRUNSWICK

BY GREG BLAKE

OF the seven clubs representing Melbourne in the 1987 West End NSL, Brunswick Juventus was always going to be the team most likely to snare some silverware.

After 10 rounds there has been little happen to suggest otherwise except, perhaps, that the Sydney teams' relative dominance might mean Melbourne will miss out when the prizes are handed out.

Juventus, national champion in 1985 and Southern Division winner last season, still has the players, and the coach for that matter, to challenge for the title.

But its downfall to date this year has been inconsistency and Juve will have to address that problem quickly if it is to pick up the five points it lies in arrears of league leader APIA.

Juve meets APIA soon after the league re-starts, in round 13 to be exact, in the middle of a testing month for the Melbourne club.

Indeed July could be the month which makes or breaks Juventus this season with matches against most of the main league challengers at this stage.

Juve's first game back is away to reigning champion Adelaide City followed by games at home to high-flying Heidelberg, in Sydney against APIA and then Marconi and back at Olympic Park against Melbourne Croatia.

A difficult program of games certainly, but one which might go some way toward re-establishing Juventus as a genuine challenger for 1987.

As is expected with a Len McKendry-coached side Juventus still maintains an impeccable defensive record — the best in the league to date — and you'd hardly expect otherwise with the likes of Peter Lewis, skipper Brian Brown and the ever-brilliant John Yzendoorn at the heart of the Juventus back-four.

The midfield boasts two fine ball artists in Tony Grbac and Robbie Cullen, a dynamo in Scott Patterson and, in general, a plethora of quality players.

However up front is where Juventus is surely lacking with the Sean Lane-Andrew Zinni partnership not having succeeded near as well as it was expected to when Lane came from Preston pre-season for \$30,000.

I don't believe the two compliment each other and they haven't looked comfortable together although there is no denying that individually they are two fine players.

McKendry has been the best coach in Victoria for the past decade and he doesn't need anyone to tell him his job but Juventus will have to get its attack in order in double-quick time.

One suggestion has been to move Lane back into midfield, a job he did successfully for some time at Preston, and to switch Zinni's old striking partner Patterson back into attack.

If McKendry can find a solution to the goalscoring problem he will have a team not many others in this West End NSL will be able to stop.

But just eight goals in its first nine games is not championship form from Juventus.



BRUNSWICK clear against St George.

CROATIA GOING STEP BY STEP

BY FRANK COLETTA

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national team.

Slater and the brilliant

Anthony Franken have been in tremendous form this term and like 'Oozy' will be out to show their form to Frank Arok.

This weekend the Edensor Park based club travel to the Olympic Village to meet Heidelberg.

Trailing by three points

but with this weekend's match in hand over the league leaders, they will

be doing their utmost to close the gap on Apia to the solitary point.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC TO CLIMB UP

By JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC, potentially Australia's biggest crowd-pullers and the team who have so often promised so much yet delivered so little, should improve their standing on the League ladder in the second round of the West End Soccer League.

With Eddie Thomson in charge, a man whose name is synonymous with success, I can see the Sydney Greek-sponsored team steadily climb up the competition.

Thomson took over a squad which was too big and lacked the necessary blend and stability to win major honours.

Spontaneous signings before Thomson's arrival created chaos within the club.

But major problems such as injuries to key players such as club skipper Peter Raskopoulos, Gary Phillips and Stuart Johnston have now almost been solved.

With the return of internationals Raskopoulos and flanker Chris Kalantzis from South Korea, where the two have had the benefit of fulltime football for three weeks,

Olympic will pick up more victories in the second half of the League than in the first.

Prior to the break in the NSL, Olympic played nine matches for nine points.

This average will drastically improve now that Englishman Mike Coady has rejoined the team at centreback.

Thomson will use three central defenders - twin centre-backs with a covering sweeper in Tony Dakos.

John Kosmina, Australia's deadliest finisher, will add to his five goals greatly if the required ball-supply comes his way.

In the first round, Sydney Olympic crucified Kosmina by starving him of the ball.

Exciting players of the calibre of Abas Saad, Terry Patalis, Robbie Hooker and Phillips should see Olympic rise.

But just how far that rise will be is anyone's guess.

Sydney Olympic in nine League matches have scored just 13 goals but even worse, have conceded a most generous 12 - too many if they hope to break into the Top Five for the end-of-season play-offs.

BLESSINGS FOR MARCONI!

BY FRANK COLETTA

A true blessing in disguise, is the only way to describe the quasi-month break for Robert Vieri's Marconi side.

Ironically, despite being third on the table and only a point adrift of their neighbours Sydney Croatia, the Bossley Park club have been at times this season, simply awful.

But as most of the players in the side will tell you, most clubs go through a bad patch and Marconi

may well have had theirs. They are still in a good position.

Injuries have not helped Marconi's 1987 championship campaign. First up Ian Gray was sidelined with a serious ankle problem for some six weeks and his return was complemented by Craig Mason doing damage to his knee and spending much time of late on crutches.

Steve Calderan has been out all year and Tommy McCulloch has spent

the break recovering from his knee ligament damage. Goalkeeper Bruce James made his return from a shoulder injury in the last match against Preston, which was won 3-2.

The late return to form of David Lowe is an added bonus to the aspirations of the club.

Also the return from international duty of Frank Farina, who has found a seemingly clinical finishing touch, will do untold good for Marconi also.

The one thing in favour

of Marconi, now that their injured players have had some time to heal, is the club's depth of talent.

It is imperative that Marconi rediscover the form and flair they displayed in the early part of this season... and if they do the title will not be an impossibility for the Italian-backed club.

The quick interchange passing was a delight to behold early on and for the Fairfielders sake it is hoped that they return to that type of form, if not they'll fall from grace and out of the title race.

This weekend they entertain South Melbourne.



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ROBBIE WHEATLEY (left) moves in to challenge PETER RASKOPOULOS. DAVID LOWE (right) views proceedings.

SAINTS READY FOR BETTER HOME RUN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST is gearing up for a better run of results in the second round of the West End Soccer League.

After the disastrous start to the season with their inexperienced squad, the Saints managed to pull off three impressive victories to inject much needed confidence and commitment.

Saints first victory following numerous losses was against visiting Sunshine George Cross, their fellow cellar-dwellers.

Experts after just three weeks had commenced predictions of relegation for St George.

But the Saints bounced back off the ropes just before the break with two very solid, as well as unex-

pected victories against South Melbourne and the powerful Sydney Croatia.

Coach Atti Abonyi said last night:

"These two victories especially, have boosted our young squad."

"Sweeper Steve O'Connor has been just magnificent covering the young kids down the back."

"Since Kiwi international striker Kevin Hagan has been pulled back into the midfield, we look a much more settled team."

Abonyi who is Frank Arok's NSL assistant coach also predicts great things for next year from St George.

"For this season, let's be honest, we are not championship candidates," he said. "But wait until next year."

Abonyi rates striker Scott Ollershaw as a player who will blossom greatly in the coming months.

With a massive exodus of experienced players prior to the start of the season, St George was understandably most unsettled.

World Cup back-bones of the calibre of David Ratcliffe and Terry Greedy, plus the industrious O'Shea brothers, John and Robbie, left huge

gaps in the St George line-up.

The Saints to date have collected seven League points from nine matches to be placed in third last position on the NSL ladder.

Next Sunday the Saints travel to Melbourne to clash with Footscray who are in second last spot in the competition.

As the young St George side settles further and consolidates I can see them pulling off more shock results against their more highly rated opponents.

The club's biggest worry is the general fitness of their young club captain and central striker Andy Koczka.

Koczka suffered a severe knee injury in January in pre-season training and I feel he was rushed back into the NSL a few weeks too early.

I cannot really see St George yet again suffering for the second time the humiliation of relegation as they did back in 1979.



Apia's Peter Katholos and Charlie Yankos.

GEORGE CROSS IN MANLY STRUGGLE

SUNSHINE George Cross joined the NSL when it went to two divisions in 1984 and, as expected by many, the club sadly struggled through its first season.

If its rise to mid-table in 1985 was surprising that achievement paled into insignificance last year when Sunshine's meteoric rise was completed and the club contested the Southern Division finals.

Just as nobody predicted the rise of Sunshine George Cross, at the start of this season few suggested the crash would come just as quickly and just as thoroughly.

John Gardiner's team had done little wrong.

Apart from the transfer of Tyrone James to Footscray JUST the club had lost little and in fact seemed to have gained plenty in the area they looked weakest last season, up front.

In came AIS star Paul Trimboli, former Melbourne Croatia star Robert Markovac and it was expected that young stars John Markovski and Andrew Marth would further bolster the team.

Instead the very same Sunshine team which conceded fewer goals and lost fewer games than the entire 24 team competition last year has come a cropper.

At the league break Sunshine George Cross sat rock-bottom of the ladder without a win in nine games to date.

The team that let in just

17 goals all last season is in trouble after a couple of crushing defeats — 3-0 at South Melbourne, 2-6 at Heidelberg the best examples.

Yet the talent seems to be there as shown in draws against Adelaide City and away at Marconi where they finished 3-3.

Confidence could be the key and a couple of good results when the league re-starts could turn Sunshine's season around.

Caretaker coach Jimmy Rooney says Sunshine George Cross has had little luck so far this year.

"We've given away some silly goals at important times like against APIA and Marconi," Rooney told ASW.

"We've played well for 45 minutes in games but then we've let other teams dominate us for long periods.

"We're pushing forward more and creating more chances but then giving more goals away."

"With three teenagers — all introduced at around the same time — it's been difficult and I think that's why we maybe have lost a bit of discipline."

"There's a long way to go but we have the players and we just need to put together a couple of wins to get us going. I just hope we get the breaks."

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APIA HARD TO KNOCK FROM THE TOP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

APIA, the current leaders of the West End Soccer League, will be very hard to knock from their perch in the second round of the national competition.

In the words of their centrehalf skipper Arno Bertogna: "We have reached the top by picking up points in every match so far, and yet we still have not reached our peak."

"We have played badly at times, yet still managed to collect single or even double points."

"If that is not the sign of a good team, then what is?"

Who can argue with such words of wisdom?

Apia have bought wisely during the off-season, and for the first time in many years, have built up a powerful back-up on the bench.

There is an old saying in football all over the world that states: "It's the strength on the bench that wins championships."

Apia's bench players this year have included men of the calibre of Gary Ward, Terry Butler and Edward Lorens.

Still has ability

BY GREG BLAKE

PRESTON NEEDS DIRECTION

DESPITE denials to the contrary from the club itself the events at Preston Makedonia during the break of season indicate Connor Reserve is in turmoil.

On the strength of a 5-4 vote the Makedonia committee terminated the services of coach Bill Murray just after the league went into recess three weeks back.

The same day the club announced that its skipper Ian Dobson was on the transfer list.

Both decisions were taken without the support of president John Branov and a couple of other influential clubmen.

That indicates a split in the ranks at Preston and certainly at this stage it seems no-one is quite sure what direction the club should take.

A coaching replacement has not been named at the time of writing but names in contention appear to be assistant coach Ernie Merrick, former Footscray JUST boss Cedo Ciricovic and former Melbourne Croatia coach Terry Hennessey.

Branov says the club would like to make a decision on the coaching position before the season restarts but denied rumours that the new man would be from overseas.

"It's too late for that now," Branov said.

Either way season 1987 must almost now be classed as a write-off for inconsistent Makedonia.

Preston is still only two games outside the top five and it faces four games against fellow mid-table clubs when the season restarts.

If it can win three of these crucial four matches — against Melbourne Croatia, Sydney Olympic, Sunshine George Cross and Footscray JUST — Preston could well find itself back inside the top five.

With confidence up who knows that the Connor Reserve club will not stay up there.

But confidence might not be at a premium at Preston following the events of recent weeks and only time will tell what effect they will have.

In Dobson they'll be losing the equal of any defender in the country but there is still plenty of ability to be found at Preston in the likes of Ron Campbell, Phil Trianides, Zoran Iloski and Con Opasini.

HOW YOUR CLUB RATES

The Attendance Stakes West End National Soccer League

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AVERAGE HOME CROWDS

Sydney Croatia
Sydney Olympic
APIA
Adelaide City
Heidelberg
Preston
South Melbourne
St George
Footscray
Brunswick
Marconi
Melbourne Croatia
Sunshine

AVERAGE HOME

Sydney
Adelaide
Melbourne

TOTAL PERCENTAGE

Sydney
Melbourne
Adelaide

PERCENTAGE SYDNEY CROATIA AND SYDNEY OLYMPIC TO TOTAL

26%

NSL TOTAL CROWDS
NSL AVERAGE HOME CROWD

PER CLUB

7036
5323
3802
3735
3666
3000
3000
2730
2717
2200
2135
1936
1250

CROWDS FOR CITY

4081
3735
2783

ATTENDANCES PER CITY

52%
40%
8%



SCHOOLS DEVELOP BEHAVIOUR CODES

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The Codes have been developed specifically for the school students of New South Wales. These Codes have been adapted from the "Fair Play Codes for Children in Sport", which were developed by the Canadian Council on Children and Youth.

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BILL VROLYKS — STALWART OF THE NSW CENTRAL COAST

WILLEM (Bill) VROLYKS (61) has this year been involved with Australian Soccer for 40 years. He has a list of achievements as long as your arm, and it is reassuring that he chose the Central Coast to reside some nine years ago.

There is no other more distinguished Soccer personality that has graced the area and he intends to keep mentally and physically active and be involved for many years.

Currently coaching the PEPSI Premier League outfit, Southern & Ettalong United, he is also looking for a midweek commitment, with maybe a school side — just to stay in touch.

Apart from Soccer, his loves are body surfing and snooker apart, of course, from his equally energetic wife Edith and married son Paul.

The game is now much faster than 30 years ago because of intensive training methods.

However the skill factor has been lost because of that, and players nowadays are almost like robots, getting rid of the ball quickly otherwise they get 'wiped off the park', apart from a handful of players.

You don't see too many players as creative and skillful as Atti Abony just to name one.

On the positive side

'We must concentrate to move to Sydney'

PLAYING RECORD

354 games with Sydney

Austral; 56 games with

Leichhardt-Annandale.

COACHING RECORD

1966 Under 18 NSW

State; 1967 Pan Hellenic

Seniors; 1968 Sydney

Croatia Seniors; 1969-71

Assistant NSW State

Seniors; 1972 Under 16

NSW State; 1973-77

Kingsford; 1980-82 Umina

United; 1983-84 Central

Coast Srs; 1986 Woy

Woy; 1987 Southern &

Ettalong Utd.

BEST PLAYER PLAYED WITH

Joe Marston
(Leichhardt-Annandale).

BEST PLAYER PLAYED AGAINST

Leo Baumgartner and

Les Scheinflug.

MOST REMEMBERED GAME (Player)

Playing for a SELECT EUROPE team against NSW and scoring the winning goal.

MOST REMEMBERED GAME (Coach)

NSW against Inter Bratislava 1st Division European team (1-1 draw).

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT (Player)

Winning the State Cup in 1956 with Leichhardt-Annandale.

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT (Coach)

Having a leading role in the establishment of Australian Soccer Coaches Federation and also the establishment of the Parklea Soccer Academy, now a multi million dollar complex.

PERSOINTO INFLUENCE ME

My wife Edith and my friend Denes Adrigan.

BEST PLAYER SEEN ON THE CENTRAL COAST

Nigel Drysdale.

BEST PLAYER COACHED ON THE CENTRAL COAST

Andrew Stowell.

Here is what Bill has to say:

there are some good players coming through the National U/16 and U/19 Young Socceroos, so the future does not look that bad.



BILL VROLYKS

We will always beat the Chinese, Koreans, Fijians etc, because of our physical style and strength so we should concentrate on playing against South American and European teams, no matter the cost.

The National League will have to become totally professional, which can't be done out of gate takings.

I envisage it to collapse within 5 years and be replaced with a Super State League in every state of Australia, with a play-off between all states to determine the Australian Champion team.

Since coming to the Central Coast nine years ago, many changes have taken place.

Firstly the birth of the Central Coast Coaches Federation 7 years ago, of which I am a foundation member.

Through that the appointment of a Director of Coaching who now has more qualified coaches than ever before on the Central Coast, consequently the playing standards have improved especially with the representative sides.

The Central Coast Soc-

cer Association is now on the right track with a more professional approach and various Directors being responsible for certain areas.

With the opening of Plum Park the sky is the limit and the ground can be used 12 months of the year.

We must however concentrate to move to Sydney, because playing in Newcastle is a waste of time.

When we were minor premiers in 1983 Newcastle officials, after hearing we were interested in joining the National League, did not want to talk to us, so if a Super State League ever comes about, we have more chance getting there through Sydney rather than Newcastle.

Further projects should be the appointment of a full time Regional Director of Coaching to look after the area between Hawkesbury River and Swansea concentrating on schools, being paid for through sponsorship, say maybe the Milk Board as they would get good mileage through the schools.

A matter to note in connection with the Senior representative teams is since the NSL has been out there are many players available from Sydney on transfer or on loan and I feel this is what is needed as a short term easure for the 1st Grade side.

There is not enough experience there are present and if it works for Napoli (Maradona), Barcelona (Lineker) and other clubs, it could work for us on a smaller scale. I have heard of former NSL players going on loan for \$500 or less.

Referees on the Coast are doing a good job under difficult conditions.

They can't supply referees if they haven't got any, so one suggestion is to contact the Superintendent of Mt Penang Training School to see if some boys would be interested in becoming referees, doing kids on a Saturday.

What a good way to rehabilitate a young boy and bring him back into the community!!

With his vast experience and knowledge of the game, Bill Vrolyks' opinions and suggestions are note worthy. His presence on the Coast has certainly heightened the awareness of Central Coast Soccer around NSW as well as Australia.

He is a fine ambassador and obviously will be involved for many years to the credit of the Code.

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SYDNEY NSL GROUNDS GO UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

GROUNDS FOR HOPE IN SYDNEY

- Last week Frank Coletta viewed the current major Soccer clubs' ground situation throughout NSW and the ACT National League and major State League facilities came in for some praise, and unfortunately a well-deserved serve for too many shortcomings.
- Now Ray Gatt puts a very close rule over the four Sydney NSL grounds in special detail.
- How does your ground rate in the eyes of this experienced Sports journalist?

ST GEORGE STADIUM

Situated — About a 20 minute drive from the city centre and only five minutes from Mascot Airport.

Car parking and potential — Ample car parking with several adjoining Soccer fields. However, there are only two entrances and it can be a hassle getting into and out of the ground. The potential for the ground is quite good, although the erection of further stands could be a problem because the ground is almost in the path of a runway at Mascot. The capacity of the ground is between 12,000 and 15,000.

Playing surface — One of the best in Sydney, now that the ground does not have to cope with so many matches. The surface is lush and green.

Spectator facilities — An excellent covered stand which seats about 2800, but there is no other cover in the ground. There are banked facilities at both ends of the ground and at the opposite end to the grandstand. Three food outlets and good toilet facilities.

Press facilities — Adequate. Sometimes there is a lack of chairs and often it gets difficult "turving out" non-media people. Two telephones, although one is usually in constant use ... thanks John! Depending on whose home game it is — Saints or Sydney Olympic — a coffee urn is usually in operation.

Playing facilities — Are quite good. The main dressing rooms are situated under the grandstand and two more rooms are situated at the main end of the ground. The home team room is quite spacious, but the visitors' rooms can get a little cramped. The inner ground is enclosed by a wire fence and the players' race is adequate and gives good protection.

Floodlighting — Not to good television standard.

Ground rating — Eight out of 10.

CROATIAN SPORTS CENTRE

Situated — In a near rural setting in the outer Western Suburbs, about a 50 minute drive from Sydney.

Car parking and potential — Depending on what time you get to the match, parking can be a problem, although things are being done to alleviate the problem. A number of spots available right next to ground. Getting home after a match can be a problem because traffic can be fairly heavy. Has the potential to be one of the best set-ups in the State. Plans have been made to erect a 5000 seat grandstand and there is still plenty of room to extend in other parts. Club house right next to ground. Crowd capacity of about 15,000.

Playing surface — Has improved markedly in recent times. There are few or no complaints from them players.

Spectator facilities — Not the best at this stage, but they will improve. No cover whatsoever. Most parts of the ground are banked and paved. But, there isn't much seating. One canteen which gets somewhat crowded. One toilet.

Press facilities — Quite good. Plenty of room and there is a bar fridge. Two telephones. Croatia president Tony Basic is a terrific host.

Playing facilities — Naturally the home dressing room is quite spacious and clean. Although a little smaller, the visiting room is more than adequate. Inner ground enclosed by a wire fence and the players' race has been re-inforced. Adequate protection for all.

Floodlighting — First class standard for television.

Ground rating — At present six out of 10, but on potential 10 out of 10.

MARCONI STADIUM

Situated — In the outer Western Suburbs and is a 50 minute drive from Sydney.

Car parking and potential — Fair amount of parking space available opposite the ground and nearby areas. The potential of the ground is outstanding. The magnificent club house is virtually on the ground. There appears plenty of room to expand. Crowd capacity about 14,000.

Playing surface — Not too bad. Certainly has improved over the years. Once regarded as too bumpy and uneven, but a lot of work has gone into it.

Spectator facilities — Are almost-non-existent. There is a grandstand with no roof, although it does have individual seating. Then again some of the seats are in disrepair. Has a canteen which gets very crowded, although the BBQ provided by the Fisherman's Social club is superb. Only one toilet.

Press facilities — Are good. Covered room with a bar fridge and several working telephones. President Tony Labbozzetta and secretary Keith Charles always ensures things are right for the press.

Player facilities — Quite poor. Both dressing rooms are very small and get too crowded. Players have to walk over each other to get changed and showered. There's little protection for the players at the end of the game with people easily jumping the fence.

Floodlighting — No to adequate television standard.

Ground rating — Six out of 10, but Tony Labbozzetta will ensure that it gets better.

LAMBERT PARK

Close proximity to the city, about a 10 minute drive. Situated mainly housing area.

Car parking and potential — Finding parking can be a hassle, especially on a big day. You might have to park a 15 or 20 minute walk from the ground. Unfortunately, the ground does not have much potential to expand. It backs on to a factory on one side, a railway track at one end and a main road on the other side. Crowd capacity about 8000.

Playing surface — Was quite poor at one stage, but it has improved dramatically this season. One bad aspect is the fact that the sidelines are too close to the perimeter fence and this is a dangerous hazard for the players, many of whom have gone crashing into the fences.

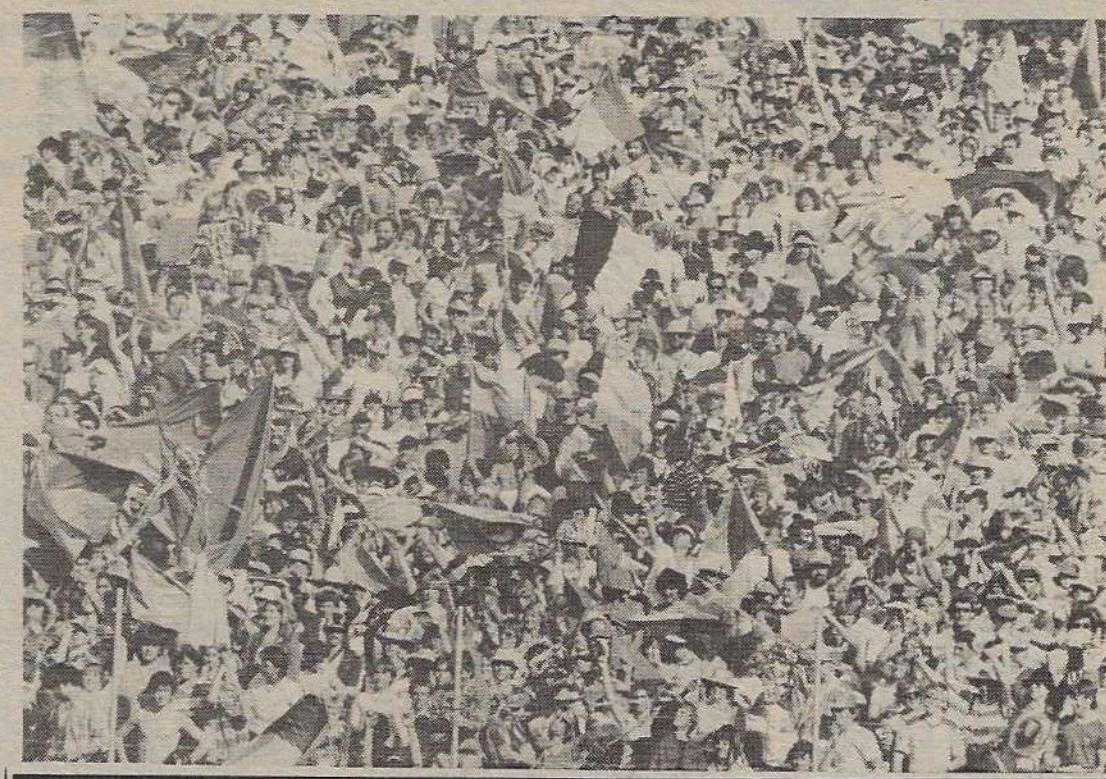
Spectator facilities — One side of the ground is covered, allowing for about 2000-2500 to be safe from the elements. On the main side of the ground there is a VIP room which holds about 200. One very small canteen and one toilet. There have recently been quite discussions over possible future use of Leichhardt Oval. If and when it comes it will have the added advantage of being next door to the APIA Soccer Club. Unfortunately APIA did not have the money to participate in the ground remodelling years ago. The lost leverage can only be overcome gradually.

Press facilities — The main facility is quite poor. The room is often unclean and is very small. About eight people can fit in and the touchline ends are very hard to see because you are looking down on the ground. SBS television refuses to televise a match of the day from there. However, President Joe Prestia, a man who is always willing to help, allows the press into the VIP room where you can at least get a cup of coffee or a drink, something to eat and an uninterrupted view of the match.

Player facilities — Reasonably adequate, although player protection is non-existent. The crowd has easy access to the players.

Floodlighting — None, but endeavours being made to arrange for an installation.

Ground rating — Four out of 10.



Soccer needs these sorts of packed houses.

OLYMPIC AND HINDMARSH ARE WELL ABOVE AVERAGE

WITH the West End National Soccer League currently looking at the facilities being offered to fans, South Australia can sit back and relax.

TOM MCKAIN REVIEWS

ADELAIDE'S GROUNDS

Current NSL champion Adelaide City have one of the best complexes in Australia at Olympic Sports Field — but will be the first to admit the lack of suitable lighting for full-scale night games is a handicap.

Apart from OSF, SA can

also offer Hindmarsh Stadium, headquarters of the SA Soccer Federation currently leased by Hellas, former NSL champions now battling to get back on the national scene.

OSF covers a huge area in a beautiful setting with a covered stand plus seating, with the only drawback the athletics track round the pitch.

Hindmarsh is perhaps the best venue in Australia for viewing Soccer, as fans are so close to the action in the seated stands and the terraced outer.

But with only a 20,000 capacity it is a smaller stadium than the Olympic Sports Field and restricted as far as growth is concerned.

But it did successfully house games in the World Youth Cup finals.

Shelved

Both SA stadiums have plans on the shelf for expansion once the economic climate picks up.

City has the tremendous advantage of having their clubrooms at OSF in plush surrounds with space already prepared for poker machines, and a permanent restaurant, to compliment its two bars which currently do a roaring trade.

Kitchen facilities are already operating for various functions.

If Hellas regain their place in the NSL they have a ready-made first class ground, although their clubrooms are in the City.

However, they lease the catering rights at Hindmarsh so fans don't go thirsty.

But what of possible challengers for promotion?

As we went to press Hellas had slipped from first place in First Division to third behind Salisbury and Beograd, both with NSL aspirations.

They have excellent suburban grounds, with clubrooms, but no grandstands, terracing or seating.

TV is now part of any sport, and there is nothing worse than watching a game on the tube shot at a standing-only venue visited only by diehard supporters.

Either club could lease Hindmarsh from the SASF, or seek a share of OSF from Adelaide City.

Or there is the possibility that Salisbury could share an Australian Rules ground closer to home — Central District's oval could easily house Soccer matches and there is a ready-made additional support in the Elizabeth area where the ground is housed.

Like Salisbury, most of the residents are British migrants who have deserted the roundball code and follow Australian Football.

However, OSF and Hindmarsh would be the favourite venues.

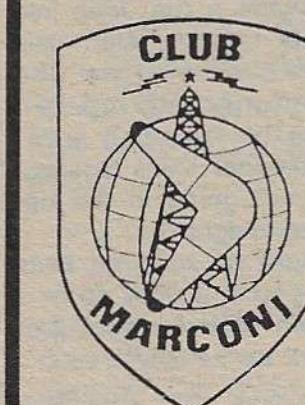
While several local councils realise the value of Soccer clubs, and have assisted in the establishment of clubrooms and blocks of land, only the Burnside (OSF) and Hindmarsh Councils have been brave enough to come up with grandstands in partnership with the SA Soccer Federation and the clubs.

Outside of these two grounds, Soccer also has access to Football Park, the magnificent Aussie Rules ground, built on similar lines to Rugby League's Parramatta Stadium in Sydney.

The Socceroos played Italy's Juventus at Football Park, and while fans were "far away" from the action, they were no further than those who stand in the terraces in the giant stadiums overseas, particularly in South America and Mexico.

So while the NSL investigation of grounds may have some clubs in a flutter, Adelaide can afford to play it cool.

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CLUBS ARE STILL CLOSE TO BOTTOM

RELEGATION threatened Canterbury Marrickville and Warringah Freshwater toiled on a heavy pitch at Arlington to share the points leaving the clubs in much the same position — close to the bottom and still at peril from the dreaded drop.

The locals applied pressure from the start and looked the better side for long periods in this match but at no stage presented a serious threat to the visitors.

On the other hand Warringah Freshwater had its own problems. Few chances which came their way were squandered leaving the way for a dull 0-0 draw.

Martin Driene, Stuart Porter and Alan Dean had opportunities for the visitors but their finishing left a lot to be desired, while the home side never came to grips with this well organised visitors defence.

In the end both sides were well satisfied with the draw.

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC: Hummel, Drago, Vandarakis, Eftimides, Arrage, Kalogerias, Stamos, Stavropoulos, George, Phillipou, Arambasic.

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Warren, Cassachia, Dean, Radosavljevic, Duckling, Campbell, Driene, Fagan, Corrigan, Porter.

STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	15	12	1	2	36	8	25
Canberra Griffin	14	10	3	1	27	9	23
Wollongong City	15	10	2	3	36	22	22
Melita Eagles	15	8	3	4	30	20	19
Sutherland Shire	15	5	7	3	20	19	17
Newcastle	15	6	1	8	23	25	13
Ku-Ring-Gai	14	4	5	5	17	20	13
Uruguayan Penrith	15	5	3	7	24	29	13
Rockdale Ilinden	15	5	2	8	19	18	12
Manly Warringah	14	5	1	8	12	22	11
Canterbury M'ville	15	3	5	7	16	30	11
Warringah F/Water	15	4	2	9	12	21	10
Inter Monaro	12	2	4	6	17	32	8
Wollongong Mace	15	2	3	10	12	26	7

RESULTS ROUND 15

URUGUAYAN PENRITH 0 KU-RING-GAI 1 (Bennett)
MANLY WARRINGAH v INTER MONARO (pp)
ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Botalico) WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (Boogaard og, Brodnik)
WOLLONGONG MACE 2 (Gardiner, Kirwan)
SUTHERLAND 4 (R.O'Shea pen, Lerond, Meades, Hall)
BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Reynolds pen, Cotton)
NEWCASTLE 0
CANTERBURY M'VILLE 0 WARRINGAH FRESHWATER 0
CANBERRA CITY 4 (Sermanni 2, A.Reis 2) MELITA EAGLES 1 (Dunn og.)

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GRIFFINS SLAY THE HAPLESS EAGLES

MELITA EAGLES' challenge for the title in 1987 received a serious if not final blow after a 4-1 drubbing at Bruce Stadium at the hands of Canberra Griffins.

Neither side was in this game for a point and in the end two goals each to Sermanni and Alan Reis decided the issue despite a gallant effort by the visitors.

It would be unfair to write Melita off with 11 rounds remaining but it would take an enormous effort by the Eagles and some stumbling by Blacktown, who is now six points away, to have the Granville outfit at the top.

For Blacktown City the road to the NSL, despite some poor showings, is still wide open and the list of challengers with the loss by Melita has now shortened with Canberra City the most serious threat and Wollongong City after its 2-1 against Rockdale still in the fight.

Wollongong Wolves had lady luck in their corner during the second half of the match at Seymour and one brilliant Warwick Young in goal.

Manly Warringah and Inter Monaro did not play due to the state of the pitch at Cromer Park.

However, there was no evidence of the same conditions nearby at Grahams Reserve and some action should have been taken to relocate the game.

Sutherland closed in on Melita for the top four spot after its 4-2 win over the last placed Wollongong Macedonia away from home and are now set to tackle Blacktown City in the next round.

It was not the best of the Sharks that we saw last Sunday but the points are on the board and a surprise win over the Demons next week could see some reshuffling at the top.

Warringah Freshwater and Canterbury Marrickville drew at Arlington Oval in the battle of the cellar dwellers and both sides could be well satisfied with the point a piece.

Ku-Ring-Gai and Uruguayan Penrith were involved in a thrilling encounter at Cook Park with the visitors taking the points following a superb goal by David Bennett, his first of the season.

DEMONS STILL STRUGGLING

BLACKTOWN CITY Demons brushed past Newcastle with a goal in each half to keep its lead at the top of the State Bank League.

Still struggling to retain its early season form, Demons took a long time to score its first goal. And much of their frustration was caused by some brilliant goalkeeping by Craig Grills.

Van Blerk appeared set to score for the Demons when he broke through in the 27th minute but young Grills was equal to the task diving at the feet of Van Blerk to affect a superb save.

Three minutes later he was again the hero as he flew in the air to stop a goal bound shot.

Then with only three minutes to half time Van Blerk was through again. He raced to the byline before crossing for Roy Cotton who trapped the ball before rounding one defender then slotting his shot into the far corner.

The home side had to battle hard to subdue this young and enthusiastic outfit from Newcastle, despite some superior midfield display.

In fact the locals had to wait until 15 minutes before the end to make sure of their win. Grant Lee broke through following a long clearance to round one defender then made an attempt to go around Grills. However, the young goalkeeper pulled him down and Kurt Reynolds scored from the resultant penalty to make it 2-0.

And while the youngsters from Newcastle could go home happy with the result the locals, once again, despite their two pointer will have to look for an improved performance if they are to retain the position which will guarantee this side a return to the NSL.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, Maier, Sterrey, Reynolds, Northam, Denyer, Byrne, Ellem, Lee, Cotton, Van Blerk.
NEWCASTLE: Grills, Milosevic, Roberts, Bowen, McGuiness, M.Drysdale, Gresham, N.Drysdale, Cavanah, Caisle, Bland.



Macedonia striker Dean Gardiner (left) in action. He scored for his team, but they still sent down to Sutherland.

GRIFFINS IN STYLE

By Graham Cooke

CANBERRA Griffins, at times playing some of their best soccer of the season, hurdled another obstacle in style with a 4-1 win over Melita Eagles at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

For the second week running the Griffins scored four times, but any similarities between Melita and the hapless Canterbury, beaten 4-0 the week before, ended with the number of goals they conceded.

The fourth placed Eagles came to Bruce knowing that a continuation of their New South Wales State Bank League championship challenge depended heavily on a result, and for the first 20 minutes it seemed they might get it.

Their midfielders picking up virtually every ball they contested and their hard running, aggressive front men, led by Lenny Vial, were appreciating

the resulting service.

When the game finally turned the man who engineered it was experienced midfielder Tom Sermanni.

With half an hour gone he made a run deep into Melita territory. Alan Reis sent over a cross and Sermanni, diving full length, headed past goalkeeper Clint Gosling, the ball going in the net off an upright.

Right on haltime Reis worked his way into a bunch of defenders just inside the penalty area.

He was sent sprawling but any debate over whether he had earned a penalty was nullified by Sermanni, who pounced

on the loose ball to bury it into the back of the net.

In the second half, it seemed that Sermanni might get his hat-trick. With the Eagles defence exposed he burst forward with the ball at his feet.

"The angle was getting tight and I could see that the player trying to close me down had committed himself," he said afterwards.

"Alan Reis was free on my left so I put the ball across to him."

And his unselfishness was rewarded as Reis made no mistake in making it 3-0.

Even in this predicament the Eagles refused to give up and hit back

almost at once when, as they pushed forward, a shot deflected off Jason Dunn and into the net.

But it was the Griffins who had the final say. New signing Leon Gardikiotis came on for his League debut and in the last minute of ordinary time fed Reis on the edge of the area for the striker to send a perfectly placed ball between two defenders and out of reach of Gosling at the far post.

CANBERRA: Giannas (Economopoulos 35th), Bryant, Mazis, Dunn, Suarez, P Reis, Junna, Sermanni, Palacios, A Reis, Gonzales (Gardikiotis 70th).

MELITA EAGLES: Gosling, Rodrigues, Williams, Cabass (McFadden haltime), Robertson, Webley, Wilson, Vial, Farnsworth (Farrugia 72nd), Callanan, Serbas.

PENRITH WOES

URUGUAYAN PENRITH suffered its fifth defeat at Cook Park, this time at the hands of Ku-Ring-Gai Chasers, and are set for a difficult times in the next few rounds.

The home side stormed forward looking for an early goal and almost got there.

The game continued to flow from one end to the other with both teams playing fast and open football. With the locals throwing their players forward they were vulnerable at the back and the Chasers exploited the situation.

Some 22 minutes into the game Glen Jeffery rose high to win an aerial duel setting up David Bennett who wasted no time in firing a low shot which sneaked inside the far post.

Ten minutes later Mark Nile was set to increase the lead after beating two players to face Barry

Hoare. But Hoare brought Nile down in a rugby type tackle which left the referee in no doubt at all.

Free kick to Ku-Ring-Gai just outside the box and a yellow card to the keeper but with the visitors little to show for it.

With one minute to half time John Bradley made a fine run before crossing for John McKie to head low, but Andrew Lacey was in fine touch finger-tipping the ball around the post to safety.

Uruguay had more of the play in the second half.

URUGUAYAN PENRITH: Hoare,

Krslovic, Piriz, Woods, Bourke, Gonzales, Batten, Bradley, Brown, Genc(Hunter 73rd), McKie.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Laurie, Smith, Pepper, Bennett, Quigley, Berry, Jeffrey, Nile, Ferguson(Bass 73rd).

KIRWAN FIRES

WOLLONGONG Macedonia snapped up Paul Kirwan last week in order to improve its dismal scoring record and the fiery Irishman repaid his new club with a goal. Unfortunately for him Sutherland ended up winning the game 4-2.

After falling two goals behind following a dismal first half performance the locals threw everything at Sutherland. Dean Gardiner made it 2-1 in the 57th and three minutes later Kirwan equalised.

That was the signal for an onslaught by the home side which had Sutherland pinned inside their own half. Alas, it was Macedonia's defence which was left short handed and it was exploited by Sutherland.

Steve Meades replaced Darryl Sharpe and almost with his first touch of the ball made it 3-2.

Only a few minutes later Craig Hall ran away to score the goal which put

the issue beyond doubt.

It was a case of having so much yet the locals got burnt after a display which deserved more.

Sutherland had the upper hand during the first period and were given a gift of a goal after only nine minutes when Greg Lerond sneaked in to score.

Three minutes before the break Robert O'Shea made no mistake with a penalty to make it 2-0.

WOLLONGONG MACE: Milenkovic, Muhlbauer (Giraldi 55th), Kerr, Ruskin, Sweeney, Dafkovic, Willis, Popovski, Gardiner, Brown, Kirwan.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, R.O'Shea, Seller, Terry, Parsons (Cox 82nd), J.O'Shea, Sharpe (Meades 75th), Harrington, Lerond, Hall, Caban.



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CLASSIC MATCH MARKS GULLY'S RISE

A CONTROVERSIAL sending off and a spectacular long range goal by Les Carter marked Green Gully's 3-1 at Broadmeadows on Sunday.

A classic struggle between a team vying for the championship and a team fighting relegation, lowly Broadmeadows gave the visitors a shock in the first five minutes with a shot crashing off the cross-bar.

After the initial surprise however, Gully got back into its stride and controlled the game.

Joe O'Donnell was instrumental in Gully's first goal receiving the ball from a slick five-pass movement.

He took the ball to the bye-line and squared it back to big Joe Sweeney who netted.

O'Donnell made it 2-0 in the 65th minute when Danny Ward pulled the ball back to Sweeney who headed it to O'Donnell to score.

Three minutes later a ball was played out of the box and Carter met it with a first-time volley from 35 metres which almost broke the back of the net.

Two minutes later the ref saw Steve McLellan retaliating after being knocked by Joe Vizzini and was sent off for the first time in his career.

Broadie got a consolation goal two minutes from time when Peter Kadlecik followed up a shot on goal which hit the bar and he headed home.

GREEN GULLY 3 (Sweeney, O'Donnell, Carter) b **BROADMEADOWS** 1 (Kadlecik).

MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Clarke, Stirton 2) b **WESTERN SUBURBS** 1 (Morwell).

CROYDON 1 (French) b **ST ALBANS** 0.

FAWKNER 2 (Sabbatino, Ferla) b **OAKLEIGH** 1 (Irvine).

AIS 2 (Polak, Koch) dr **THOMASTOWN** 2 (Coyle, McGuinness).

NORTHCOTE 2 (Kouremenos, Bekiaris) b **FRANKSTON** 1 (Buchanan).

SPRINGVALE 3 (Morrey, House, Hennessey) b **CAULFIELD** 0.

POLONIA 2 (Warszawski, Storm) b **BOX HILL** 1 (Campbell).

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Green Gully	15	8	7	0	22	11	23
Maribyrnong	15	9	4	2	28	17	22
Fawkner	15	8	4	3	23	15	20
St. Albans	15	7	4	4	21	17	18
Caulfield City	15	6	5	4	18	15	17
Box Hill	15	4	6	5	18	15	14
Springvale City	15	4	6	5	18	17	14
Oakleigh	15	6	2	7	23	23	14
Thomastown	14	5	4	5	16	20	14
Morwell Falcons	15	4	5	6	16	17	13
Frankston Pines	15	5	3	7	22	26	13
Croydon City	16	3	7	6	14	20	13
Western Suburbs	15	4	3	8	18	25	11
Northcote City	15	4	2	9	12	27	10
Broadmeadows	15	3	2	10	16	24	8

GULLY STAY ON TOP OF TABLE

GREEN GULLY maintained its one point lead at the top of the Buffalo State League as the Gullymen and Polonia both won their matches.

Fawkner re-established itself as a contender with a fighting victory over Oakleigh.

Top four challengers Caulfield and Dynamo both received shocks, losing at home to lower opposition.

Croydon's win at Dynamo was particularly significant as it was Miron Bleiberg's first game as coach.

Already players at the club have been surprised by the strict discipline Bleiberg demands of his team.

Caulfield fell at home to Springvale who, with Morwell Falcons, look likely to come home strongly in the second half of the season.

Next week sees the clash of the giants as Polonia travels to Green Gully in a game which

could well prove crucial to the outcome of the season.

The ability of Polonia to recover from the administrative worries it has had of late will be severely tested by Gus MacLeod's well-oiled Gully machine which just doesn't seem to be missing a beat at the moment.

Caulfield travels to Northcote for a Greek derby clash.

Northcote has a lot to prove to its southern cousins after a purge three weeks ago saw the departure of the coach, Frank Munro and three players.

Spirit is sky-high at Northcote after last week's win while Caulfield has struggled on the

heavy pitches of the last few weeks.
ASW'S TOP EXPERTS JOHN MANGAN AND LES SHORROCK PROVIDE THEIR ENTERTAINING AND ON THE BALL SUMMARY OF THE BUFFALO SPORTS VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION COMPETITION.

Fawkner has a difficult game away to Croydon while Morwell Falcons play host to Box Hill.

Western Suburbs will be hoping to get a point from their match at Thomastown but will face an uphill struggle.



Neil Garvey (no 8), Angie Filipou (centre) and Nick Delgani (no 9) fight for the ball.

BLOOD AND GUTS

THIS was a stirring, blood and guts affair that never flagged until the final whistle.

Polonia demonstrated that it is a team for all seasons and all moods, capable of playing scintillating Soccer and also able to dish out the hard stuff — that is as long as Gordon Flavell, Gerry Bennett and Rab Nelson can avoid suspensions.

Nelson took over the coaching job after Miron Bleiberg's abrupt departure, and the team has continued to function with barely a hiccup.

The game started off at a rattling pace. In fact, there were more shots at goal in the first 20 minutes than I had seen in the previous five weeks of watching other State League games.

There was much to admire in the first half with Harry Hird, whose ankles they tell me are a day to day proposition now, playing with all the

flair of his Juventus days.

Box Hill went ahead in the 40th minute with a neat, well-worked free-kick. As Andy McMillan stood over the ball, wee Georgie Campbell nipped round the Polonia wall and hooked McMillan's chip well wide of Joe Kiss in the Polonia goal.

Polonia hit back after the break and went at the Hillmen ferociously. And it was Box Hill that wilted. It could have been that notorious slope, but suddenly it seemed Box Hill was no longer coming over the halfway line, and Polonia seemed to have grown taller.

After 20 minutes, the inevitable happened and the Box Hill defence cracked. Kees Storm — what a good player he has become since he left Ringwood — crossed to Warszawski who cleverly chested the ball down before blasting it past McKinlay.

Box Hill was history, and now it was just a question of whether it could hold out, but even that was beyond it. Ten minutes later, Peter Czapnik burst through and McKinlay pulled him down in the penalty area.

Storm coolly banged the spot-kick home and that was the game. Polonia deserved to win, but the match had two decisive moments which swung the game its way.

Firstly, if the referee had sent off Bennett when he clashed with George Campbell, it could have made a big difference. Secondly McKinlay without doubt fouled Czapnik. But the Polonia forward was at least five metres offside and the linesman never flagged.

Some of the crunching tackling would have made the sensitive wince

a little, but that was only to be expected.

My only regret is that NSL commitments will prevent me from watching next week's battle between Polonia and Green Gully which could decide the League title — I wonder if they would consider taping it for me?

BOX HILL: McKinlay, Mori, Roodhouse, Hird, McMillan, Hennessy, Burton, McArthur, McBride, Brimmer, Campbell.

POLONIA: Kiss, Lipiarski, Smolarek, Bennett, Kotzamichalis, Flavell, Nelson, Czapnik, Storm, Warszawski, Marshall.

VICTORIAN FIXTURES

VIC STATE LEAGUE SATURDAY JUNE 27th RD 17

Northcote City v Caulfield City, Oakleigh v Frankston Pines, Morwell Falcons v Box Hill.

VIC STATE LEAGUE SUNDAY JUNE 28th

Springvale City v AIS, Croydon City v Fawkner, Broadmeadows v St Albans, Thomastown v Western Suburbs, Green Gully v Maribyrnong.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 1 SATURDAY JUNE 27th RD 14

Bulleen v North Dandenong, Sunbury United v Knox City, Nunawading City v Essendon City.

SUNDAY JUNE 28th

Sm Mordialloc v Altona Gate, Albion Rovers v Melbourne, Richmond v Doncaster Rovers, Werribee v Ringwood City.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 2 SATURDAY JUNE 27th RD 14

Hamlyn Rangers v Dandenong City, Ringwood United v Waverley City, Prahran City v Altona City, North Geelong v Westgate, Mornington v Clifton Hill, Doveton v Eltham, Sandringham v Mooroolbark.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 3 SATURDAY JUNE 27th RD 14

Ferntree Gully v Bell Park, West Brunswick v Keilor, Yarraville v Moreland Park Rangers, Springvale United v Moorabbin City, Rosanna v Port Melbourne, Corio Geelong United v Clarinda Yalourl v Geelong.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 4 SATURDAY JUNE 27th RD 14

East Brunswick v Kariong United, Pascoe Vale v Boronia, Williamstown v Coburg, Prahran v Hawthorn, Lalor United v Diamond Valley Utd, Langwarrin v Holland Park, Seaford v Keysborough.

INCIDENTS CRUCIAL

TWO penalty-area incidents in the last three minutes proved crucial for Frankston Pines and Northcote as the visitors came out 2-1 victors.

Northcote had the better of the first half but thanks to a string of good saves by Branko Radov in goal for Pines it wasn't until the 43rd minute that Northcote broke the deadlock.

It was Kouremenos surging through from the back-line who was on hand to shoot his team into the lead.

With both teams renowned for their ability to bounce back the game could've gone either way.

Then with three minutes remaining Pedro Ramos was brought down on the edge of the box by Gordon Bentley and Chris Bekiaris scored the resulting penalty.

Barely a minute later Pines had a penalty appeal turned down when

Then came the Pines revival in the second-half. McGinnigle challenged Northcote keeper Jim Giannopoulos in the air and was able to knock the ball back to Billy Buchanan who equalised for the home-side.

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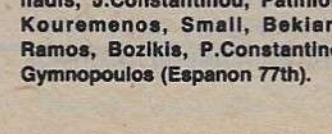
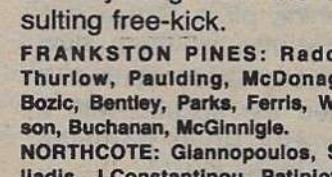
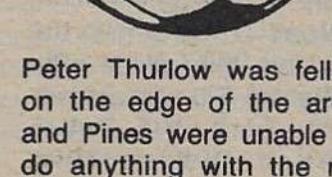
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Peter Thurlow was felled on the edge of the area and Pines were unable to do anything with the resulting free-kick.

FRANKSTON PINES: Radov, Thurlow, Paulding, McDonagh, Bozic, Bentley, Parks, Ferris, Watson, Buchanan, McGinnigle.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos, Stilidis, J.Constantinou, Patiliotis, Kouremenos, Small, Bekiaris, Ramos, Bozikis, P.Constantinou, Gymnopoulos (Espanol 77th).

Some of the crunching tackling would have made the sensitive wince



VICTORIAN INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

ROUND Seven was set for a showdown between Meko Holdings and Middle Park for the outright leadership of Division 1.

As it happened, a 2-2 draw saw to it that there was in fact no change, as both Clubs remain undefeated and are joint leaders on 13 points each.

Elsewhere, Flamingo in Division 2, Ferris United in Division 3 East, St Albans Dynamo in Division 3 West and Dandy Dynamo in Division 4, increased their leadership margins, but in the case of Dandy Dynamo not without a real fight, as Nippondenso fought them all the way, and finally went down by the odd goal in 11.

Described as a contest between outstanding ball skills and determined and dedicated teamwork, the Meko Holdings/Middle Park encounter got off to a spectacular start when, in the 3rd minute, a Ljube Petrovski cannonball forced a desperate diving save from French, the Middle Park keeper.

Middle Park went to the lead in the 52nd minute, when Collins connected with a pinpoint cross from right, and drilled the ball into the back of the net.

Save minutes later, Sukovski of Meko dribbled two defenders and the goalkeeper to work the ball softly into the net.

In the 77th minute, Popovski (Meko) was brought down in the penalty area and converted from the resulting spot kick.

Despite desperate efforts by both sides, the 2-2 deadlock remained to the end, although Tasevski (Meko) had a chance for glory in the 86th minute when he blasted just centimetres wide of the post.

In Division 2, there was another showdown for outright leadership when Flamingo travelled to Highpoint.

In a match which was described as a excellent and highly skilled game played in a truly sporting spirit, the Flamingo forward were simply too fast for the Highpoint defence, and had notched up a 2-nil lead by half-time.

The second half was all Highpoint, who remained in almost continuous attack during the half. However, their only reward was a 75th minute penalty.

In Division 3 East, Ferris United moved their leading margin to 3 points with a convincing 4-1 win over Oakleigh City.

St Albans Dynamo did the same in Division 3 West by taking out St Albans Wanderers 3-1. Tottenham moved into second spot by virtue of a 5-2 blitzing of Atona North Taxien.

In Division 4, Dandy Dynamo are now 4 points clear of Windsor and fast-improving RAAF College.

CITY'S HOPES TAKE A DIVE



COACH PRAISES TANSEY

"TODAY'S win was a victory for Jimmy Tansey," declared Croydon coach Miron Bleiberg after his team's 1-0 victory at St. Albans on Sunday.

This was Bleiberg's first game as coach after taking over the post from Tansey during the week.

Tansey remains in the team's defence.

"No coach can change a team in a week. It was Jim's team that won today," said Bleiberg.

"If anything, I just gave the players a bit more confidence."

Nevertheless, Croydon depended more on disciplined defence than flair for its victory over a Dynamo team keen to confirm its place in the top four.

A controversial penalty won the game for the visitors when Dennis Morovic challenged Graham French in the penalty-area in the 35th minute.

The referee awarded a penalty which French had no trouble converting.

Dynamo coach, Tony Vrzina, was bitterly upset with the refereeing.

He shouldn't have been allowed to referee an under-16 game. Ivan Duzel should've got two penalties in the second-half, said Vrzina.

Duzel was sent off with two minutes to go for a tackle from behind on Gary Cole.

Early in the game he had clashed with Jimmy Nelson and Jimmy O'Reilly getting a yellow-card.

ST.ALBANS: Grgic, Runje, Colina, Krajacic, Kuzman, Duzel, Batinovic, Rastolic, Culina, Kelic, Morovic.

CROYDON: Waterman, Beech, Tansey, Brack, O'Reilly, Nelson (Brown 80th), Redmond, Livingston, Brogan (van Egmond 70th), French, Cole.

TOO MUCH ATTACK!

"WE WERE going to send of video of this game to Frank Arok," said Thomastown coach Mike Lynn after his team's 2-2 draw with the Institute of Sport, "but, he wouldn't understand it — there was too much attacking!"

Thomastown was 2-0 up with 10 minutes to go but a late burst by the super-fit youngsters put paid to any thoughts the Victorians might have had of being the first team to beat the AIS this season.

Thomastown opened the scoring in the 15th minute when Victor Cristaldo released Kevin Carfora on the wing.

Carfora's centre found Brian Coyle whose diving header directed the ball into the net after its first

bounce.

On the half-hour Coyle knocked the ball forward for John Mihalidis but he was tackled by Alan Ridell in the box after rounding the keeper and the ref awarded a penalty.

Bobby McGuinness netted from the spot.

It was end to end stuff from thereon as both keepers pulled off spectacular saves.

As Thomastown tired the AIS lads showed what they were made of with a

CAULFIELD City's final four hopes have taken a nose-dive with the rain.

From being a contender the Blues have gone to being a pretender with two successive losses.

In this game Caulfield held Springvale until half-time, but the wheels fell off and the legs got heavier as the sodden pitch took its toll.

The warning signs came early in the game when 'Vale's new signing from Frankston Pines, nippy Paul Hennessy, forced a brilliant save

Springvale's Bob Morrey shields the ball from Angie Filipou during last weekend's match.

from Caulfield goalie Robert Madjer.

It was another new Springvale signing Bob Morrey from Melbourne who broke the deadlock only two minutes after the restart when he converted a good cross from Hennessy.

That was the signal for the game to come to life. Caulfield counter-attacked furiously and could consider itself unlucky when Peter Tsitiridis hit the crossbar.

Springvale was exerting great pressure, though, and Rob Stewart

brought out the best in Madjer.

When Caulfield did manage to get the ball into 'Vale's defensive area, it found Jim Williams and Michael Bissenger in commanding form.

Eventually Caulfield capitulated when Greg House fired home at short range after Hennessy had completely bamboozled the Caulfield defence.

Fittingly enough, Hennessy scored the third goal two minutes from time. Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan was quietly elated after the game.

"I'm delighted with the way that Morrey and Hennessy have fitted in so quickly," he said. "We have been struggling with Ged Bannon going back to Scotland unexpectedly, and the injury to Keith Adams. Keith is such an inspiring leader and it seems we might have to manage without him for the rest of the season."

CAULFIELD: Madjer, Filipou, Michell, Koutos, Harris, Theocarous, Abraam, Bitsonis, Deligiannis, Papas (Hamakiotis 65th), Tsitiridis, Sahnidis (65th).

THOMASTOWN: Raponi, McMillan, Arcoraci, Jankulovski (16th), Higgins, Cosentino, Carfora, Mihalidis, Cristaldo, Coyle, Atherton, McGuinness.

FALCONS ALMOST PAY FOR PANIC

PANIC in the defence when they were two goals up almost cost Falcons the game against Western Suburbs, but they held on to win 3-1.

"We deserved the win," said Falcons coach Dave O'Connor after the game.

"But I'm still not happy with the way we are letting sides in with a chance when we should have already sewn up the game."

Falcons were 2-0 up and seemingly had the match by the throat when, with 20 minutes to go, Suburbs piled on the pressure and Darren Tuck pegged one back from a George Kotsanis pass.

Goals from Gerry Clarke and Iain Stirton had put Falcons in the commanding position but Suburbs looked determined to get at least a point as they pushed forward.

Falcons, who are slowly climbing the table after a disappointing start to the season, weathered the storm and put the result beyond doubt three minutes from time when

Tony van Baar knocked a through-ball for Stirton.

Stirton and the Suburbs keeper, Spiros Kardamitis, went for the loose ball and though Kardamitis got to it he couldn't hold the ball and Stirton netted from close range.

Suburbs' temporary coach, Billy Johnson, praised his team after the game for the effort they put in when they fell behind.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Kardamitis, Macleod, Hamill, Dimovski, Esposito, McClutkey, J.Cullen, Minn (Kountouris 70th), Kotsanis, Tuck, Pierce.

MORWELL FALCONS: Eacott, Bingham, Kotis, Tutili, Bruns,

Webster, O'Callaghan, E.Cassar,

Stirton, Clarke (Bezzina 70th), A.van Baar.

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ACT MEDIA HOLDS PRESIDENT'S XI

WHEN the challenge came out from Charlie Perkins to mobilize our superb media Allstars outfit we thought he was being rather ambitious.

Then when we saw the line up of his president's has beens, oops sorry I meant Presidents XI, we KNEW he was hallucinating in thinking that he could match the talent in the media team.

But a challenge is a challenge and we were determined we would teach the Presidents XI how to play this game of Soccer, even though it was some five years since we last played as a team. In the glory days of the old Canberra City.

Our team virtually picked itself. I mean where else could you put the superb talents of Robin Poke from Capital 7 but in the central strikers position, where he could sniff out the goals, like he does the sports exclusives.

Sorry Robin, but I couldn't let you bring the oars onto the field, maybe next time.

Then Dean Banks, for so long the steady anchor at 2CC, he logically became our centre-back.

Ian Davis the financial guru from the Canberra Times, obviously has right wing tendencies so he played right full-back.

Allan McMahon, former rugby league international now a columnist with the Canberra Times, said he wanted to sweep so we let him.

He told me later he actually said "weep".

Greg Souza from 2SSS was a superb goalkeeper in his younger days with Weston Creek, so I naturally put him in midfield. I thought that would confuse Charlie.

Then our secret weapon at left fullback was Gerry Collins, the ABC Sports allrounder. Gerry tackled anyone who got anywhere near the ball including his team-mates.

Our master stroke was however the choice of dual goalkeepers Donna Lynch from 2CC and 2CA breakfast magician Jim Wiltshire. Jim brought his bag of tricks with him to while away the time in goals.

Donna had trouble keeping the opponents at arms length, as they wanted to swap shirts with her right from the kick off.

Donna and Jim were superb in goals and I can recommend to FIFA this innovation or as Rex Mosso would say, new innovation, of playing with two keepers in goals.

Being an absolutely incredible ball player — in the Canberra City old boys they call me Madonna. I keep correcting my team mates, telling them they mean Maradona, but they just look up to the heavens and say "Madonna".

I played somewhere in the middle, as far from the ball as possible.

We unfortunately had two notable absentees, Johnny Warren decided to stay in Sydney (something to do with defending the honour of Soccer on the "Ray Martin Show"). Pity because I keep telling him that he could really become a useful player if only he would apply himself a little more.

The other was the Canberra Times' Ian Warden, who retired rather prematurely some 10 years ago, and steadfastly refused to break his retirement, wanting to be remembered for his early exploits.

To play against this incredible array of talent Charlie Perkins really went out of his way to find players of renown, (or did he mean recline?) at least full-back there was Theo Moulis. You probably remember Theo as the grandfather of that great Canberra City player Danny Moulis. (sorry that should have been father of ...)

Jo Alberto the senior league chairman ran circles around his opponents, although a word of advice Jo, next time do it with the ball.

Jim Roberts, former Juventus star now better known as the ACT guru of Indoor Soccer, added some Girth (and Mirth) to the president's defence, but then again he had plenty of Girth to go around.

Ivan Gruicic and Victor Fernandez reminisced about the early days of Canberra City as they jinked their way through the media defence, still showing the skills that made them so popular in their respective days.

Then there were the referees David Oner, George Dobbins and Eric van der Vlist playing various (unusual) positions in the presidents XI, (guess who argued most with the match official Paul Murphy?) Yep it was George, and David, and Eric.

Peter Hoogendoorn, the chairman of the junior league, kept muttering all through the game something about "why can't we play with a size 3 ball?"

Ron Smith, the AIS coach, kept putting the long passes through and threatened his team matches with recruitment to the AIS if any one could latch on to one of his passes.

Then there was Taso Samios, the Griffins secretary. Well, Taso said before the game that he hadn't played for a few years so we shouldn't expect too much.

But by his actual performance it was hard to believe (we thought he'd never played at all).

The star of the team was

of course Charlie Perkins, the ACTSF president and Australian Soccer Federation vice president.

Charlie still plays competitive Soccer in the Canberra City old boys and having received an injury the week before, he decided to play himself in goals.

He didn't do too badly. We only put two past him, before he had to race away to get changed in order to meet the governor general.

Charlie left it to his replacement Bill van der Vlist, from the City club to concede the equalizer, a towering rugby league style bomb from Allan McMahon, that bounded over Bill's head much to our relief.

The final score was a respectable 3-all draw.

What about a match report? I'll bet you are asking yourselves, has this guy forgotten to write a match report?

No, not the case at all, but I figured you wouldn't believe it any way. Suffice to say: we came, we saw, and we almost conquered the President's has beens, but we were sensitive to the damage we could do to those Soccer egos and decided to let them off with a contrived draw.

Thanks for the game, Charlie, we look forward to the return game when we won't let you off so easy.

"We had joy, We had fun, We played Soccer in the sun,

But the skills and brawn, Like the seasons have all gone."

— with apologies to Rod McKuen.

STEVE DOSZPOT

BRETT HUGHES, the former Sydney City goalkeeper, has now had a couple of second grade games since joining NSW State League leaders Blacktown City. Dr Bill Weleb is concentrating on bringing back muscle strength as he recovers from his injury.

Whilst Steve Watson is holding down the No1 goalkeeper's spot, Brett is receiving three nights per week hand training under specialist goalkeeping coach Brian Williamson.

Brett should be right at his peak when the World Youth Cup takes the stage in Chile next October.

APIA goalie Tony Pezzano came to Brisbane a day before last week's Interstate clash to attend the wedding of his former Brisbane City club rival, Kim Wishart. Kim and Tony fought for the City No.1 shirt during Pezzano's 12 month stint at the club four years ago. Despite the competition, they obviously remained good friends. The wedding party also included former Queensland and Brisbane City captain Frank Pimblett, who gave the game away three years ago and moved to Sydney.

A bullocking performance by Queensland striker MARK BRUSASCO won him the award as the state's outstanding player against NSW.



MEDIA ALLSTARS

Back Row L to R: Robin Poke (Capital 7), Gerry Hallahan (2CA), Andrew Fraser (Canb. Times), Steve Doszpot (2SSS/FM), Dean Banks (2CC), Ray Veldree (2CC), Greg Souza (2SSS/FM), Allan McMahon (Canb. Times).
Front Row L to R: Ian Davis (Canb. Times), Milton O'Brien, (Capital 7), Donna Lynch (2CC), Jim Wiltshire (2CA), Farren Hotham (Capital 7), Steve Darby.

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PRESIDENTS XI

Front Row L to R: Vince Scuderi, Jim Roberts (ACT President Indoor Soccer League), Peter Hoogendoorn (Chairman Junior League), Jo Alberto (Chairman Senior League), Eric van der Vlist (Referees), Bill van der Vlist (Vice pres. City Club), Ivan Gruicic (Croatia), David Oner (ACT Ref. Assn.), Mike Evans, (Canberra City Old Boys).
Back Row L to R: Taso Samios (Canberra Griffins), Victor Fernandez (Inter Monaro — coach), Peta Winzar (ACT Womens Assn), Theo Moulis (Canberra Griffins), Charlie Perkins (President ACTSF), George Dobbins (ACT Ref. Assn.), Ian Maxwell (ACT Soccer Fed.).

BIG Chris Manou, former Adelaide Hellas star midfielder, is still without a club.

When negotiations with Footscray and Heidelberg broke down, Manou met the Hellas committee after resuming training, but talks came to nothing.

A "third" party started negotiations on behalf of Adelaide City, but they never reached the official stage.

ADELAIDE City fans are glad to see ASW columnist Alan Vest has had a change of heart.

He was featured in their program at the start of the season after he had rated City an "also-ran" for this season despite being champions.

Now, after the win over Sydney Croatia, he has admitted he miscalculated.

It's safe to come to Adelaide again Vesty!

■ ■ ■
ADELAIDE City players could be playing two games in two days during the rest of the NSL season.

Coach Zoran Matic is determined to get the reserve team playing in the SA State league Second Division, into the First Division.

During the break he stacked the lower side with national league men and the team shot into joint second place.

City found this year that no young players would sign for them because they could not be guaranteed a first team place in the NSL and they were not prepared to play Second Division Soccer.

"Even if it means two games in two days we will use several NSL players in the local side," said Matic.

"They need not play a full game, but some, particularly the defenders, could do it easily."

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ARNO BERTOGNA, the NSW and APIA-Leichhardt captain is not only a fine footballer, he is also extremely knowledgeable on all aspects of Soccer. He is one of many players who would do a great public relations job for the game if the opportunity and time were both available.

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CHARLIE JURISIC, the popular National Youth team physiotherapist, has been recovering from a back complaint in a Sydney hospital. It is great to report that he will be with the Australian party when they go to Chile for the World Youth Championships in October.

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ADELAIDE City is gearing up to join the SA sporting bodies pushing for poker machines. The Adelaide Casino is tipped to be given permission for the "bands" and licensed clubs are ready to state their claims.

A REPLY FROM THE OLD ARM CHAIR

THERE'S no such thing as a free lunch, so the old saying goes. If someone shouts you lunch I feel there can be an obligation to repay the favour.

In Soccer terms much the same applies — more explicitly there maybe no such thing as a free trip for journalists.

There can be an obligation to repay the favour.

One beauty of not being a recipient of the free trip brigade is that you are free to objectively analyse the recent exploits of the Winfield Socceroos.

I should preface these remarks by referring to the amazing comments appearing in a Sydney newspaper under the name of Socceroo assistant coach Eddie Thomson "as told to our man at the match" Tom Anderson.

"Thomson" has a go at the "armchair" critics (no doubt meaning, but not stated, John Kosmina and myself) for their comments on Australia's performance against Egypt and goes on to say "we don't know what it's like to play under the conditions the Socceroos are experiencing".

Without dwelling on the topic too much, I can only be surprised if Thomson came out with that, especially in view of the Egypt game where even the most ardent Australian supporter would agree that we were outclassed.

That is not a criticism of the Australian team, merely a fact on what we all saw from Seoul.

As far as not knowing what it's like to play so many games and in a city experiencing student riots, I suggest a chat with some of the former Socceroo players and coaches would indicate otherwise.

The late "Uncle Joe" Vlasits would have related the 36 hour trip from Mozambique via Johannesburg, Luanda, Lisbon, Rome, Athens and finally Tel Aviv for the crucial World Cup decider in 1969 against Israel and playing that match 22 hours later was "tiring".

Playing in a real war town of Saigon three times in 1967, 1970 and 1972 was pretty "difficult" conditions.

Military

Ask the Socceroos of 1972 what it was like when they were trapped on the field in Saigon surrounded by a handful of troops while 40,000 fans threatened them.

And what it was like when Tom Patrick was hit in the face with a petrol bomb, nearly lost his sight

and there was nothing we could do about it.

Or when the team bus, the same day, had its windows smashed in by rocks thrown from angry supporters.

Ask Manfred Schaefer and company what it was like to play 15 games in four continents and nine different countries in less than five weeks back in 1970 during Rale Rasic's first tour with the Socceroos.

There are many examples from the old days to indicate that we do know what it is like for the Socceroos on tour.

I'm sure John Kosmina could tell some horrific stories too, from his days with the national team.

The point here is merely to counter the claim that "we don't know what it is like".

With respect to Eddie Thomson, a man for whom I have the greatest respect, in my opinion in future he should write his own column when on tour or be more selective in his choice of his "ghost".

Back to the Socceroos efforts in this month of June. In eight international



Zarko Odzakov raises his hand in triumph.

matches in 18 days they were undefeated (like many I don't recognise penalty shootouts).

They won four, drew four and scored 12 goals and conceded three.

By any standards an impressive record.

Everton, Morocco, Egypt and South Korea could be regarded as first class opponents.

Shamrock Rovers, Korea B, "Chile" and "The Netherlands" were considerably less,

again placing a question mark over the wisdom of



TOMMY McCULLOCH
our national team playing club sides.

Friends
IN the process they won

a lot of new friends for the game, received considerable mainstream media coverage in Korea and Australia, and were first class ambassadors for our country.

With Tommy McCulloch and Zarko Odzakov missing the tour through injury, players like Slater, Brown, Bertogna, Franken and a host of others knocking on the door and the return of our European professionals like Mitchell, Patikas and possibly Krnecovic for important games, it is fair to say our current Socceroos have a greater depth that previous teams.

They displayed the traditional Australian qualities, or as Frank Arok says "mental toughness", of determination, fighting spirit against the odds and the ability to bounce back in extra time of both the Egyptian and South Korean matches when players of lesser character would have folded under the enormous pressure applied by the Egyptians and the South Koreans.

Our "new" team has now played 16 international matches in the past seven months against a wide variety of opponents.

While we all have a go at the ASF from time to time it

must be said that the international experience now afforded to national teams is far superior to that in the past.

Johnny Watkiss, for example, a national team player for 10 years (1965-1974) and for my money the most versatile player we've ever produced, was lucky to play 16 internationals in his illustrious career.

Today our players have 16 internationals in seven months.

If that's the good news then there were some negative aspects for the Socceroos in June.

South Korea and Egypt painfully exposed our traditional weakness — skill. We were outplayed and outclassed in both matches and if "our man at the match" Tom Anderson sees it otherwise, he should sit down and have a heart to heart talk with some close friends.

This is not a criticism of the current Socceroos but it is an overview on the state of our game where fighting football is encouraged and skilful play and players are kicked off the park.

Favour

In this respect I feel the Egyptians and South Koreans have done us a big favour.

Prior to these talented teams exposing us, the Egyptians incidentally without four of their star players, our "man at the match" was telling us we were ready to take on the world.

He told us we were playing Chile, when in fact we were playing a combined second division selection, we were playing The Netherlands when we were playing Fortuna Sittard — who finished fourth from the bottom of the Dutch first division — and that Argentina were in the tournament when in fact it was a club side Deportivo Espanol, a middle to lower first division side from Buenos Aires.

The beauty of the modern era is, I contend, that in the old days "our man at



the match" of the time could be believed as the games were not telecast back home.

Now with the telecasts we can possibly see more at home than he can.

I feel sure we certainly did with the match against "Chile" or the combined Chilean second division match.

The discrimination against South American teams expressed prior to the game was in my view a disgrace and is a throwback to the Sixties mentality by the British media, and Alf Ramsey's "animals" quote when referring to Argentina.

Now every time we are faced with a South American opponent the "animal" tag is dragged up along with predictions of a "blood bath".

As an Australian it offends me.

The mind boggles at what members of the South American community in Sydney feel about such comments BEFORE the match.

In the match itself it was the Australians who started the rough stuff.

We received three yellow cards in the first half and one of our players was lucky not to be sent off.

The editorial which appeared in the "Spanish Herald" in Sydney says it all on the subject.

This editorial has already been published in Chile.

Which is a great lead-up for our Young Socceroos who will be playing there in the World Youth Championship in October.

As Australian Soccer fans and supporters of the Young Socceroos I'm sure we'd all like to distance ourselves from such discriminatory remarks...



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APIA DEFEATS ST GEORGE IN NEWCASTLE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

APIA in an exhibition match played at Austral United's home ground, Austral Park in Newcastle, defeated St George with a penalty-shoot after the fulltime scoreline was locked in at 2 all.

Apia's hero in the shoot-out was none other than former St George and World Cup goalkeeper, Terry Greedy.

The entertaining match watched by a 2,000 plus crowd saw the Saints hit the lead with a first half goal by left striker Graeme Fletcher.

Saints held Apia scoreless in the first session but the "humble" Gary Ward equalised in the second

half for Apia.

Fletcher also scored again in the second half to put St George ahead again.

But that man Ward soon levelled the scores for the second time following a wild scramble in the Saints' box.

Both goalkeepers starred in this match.

St George's World Youth Championship squad member, George

Bouhoustos brought great praise from his coach, Atti Abonyi as he made many fine saves.

Greedy came on in the second half to replace Tony Pezzano between the posts for Apia and became a hero when the match went into a penalty shoot-out.

The happy go-lucky Greedy, when facing his former St George teammates in the shoot-out, gave them an ever-so-

friendly smile as they lined up their shots.

Seeing Greedy in front of them smiling, put off the first two St George penalty takers off their concentration allowing the former World Cup custodian to make two magnificent blocks and let Apia take the match 3-1 on penalties.

Dave McQuire, Austral United's secretary-manager, organised this exhibition match between the two Sydney NSL teams.

St George officials on returning to Sydney, could not praise McQuire's organisation and hospitality enough.

"Dave was a former goalkeeper with St George and Apia and he really looked after us before and after the match superbly," St George's coach Atti Abonyi told ASW.

The exhibition match was sponsored by local business, Trichotech Hair Clinic.



TERRY GREEDY

HOLLAND? IRELAND? CHILE?

BY PETER GEORGIOS

SBS TV could be blamed for misleading the Australian Soccer public during the telecast of the Australian National Soccer team's games in Korea.

During the telecast, they kept showing on the score lines the words NETHERLANDS and IRELAND — giving the false impression to the viewer that they were watching Australia playing the national teams of Holland and Ireland.

There weren't any

national sides of the Netherlands or Ireland playing in the Korean tournament. What the Australian commentators were referring to was Shamrock Rovers, the Irish champions incomplete side and Fortuna Sittard of the Netherlands, a team who finished 10th in this year's championship.

Come to think of it, with the exception of Australia and Korea A, the so called national sides of Argentina, Chile and Egypt, were actually either B teams or select 11s.

In fact Egypt, the most impressive side in the tournament, had half of its A team players in Italy playing with its Armed Forces squad.

I guess, the misleading information given to the viewer, had a purpose.

They could have probably got away with it, in a radio broadcast. But in the telecast it could only perhaps fool the Socceroos' commercial agents and nobody else.

For years the soccer public in this country has been misled or misinformed by our Soccer administrators in many occasions.

SBS TV has a very good record in promoting the game and it doesn't need to follow their example by allowing Soccer presenters and commentators to make misleading presentations during the telecast of a game — an international game indeed.

SBS KEPT SOCCEROOS HAPPY IN KOREA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SBS-TV made sure they did not neglect the Australian Socceroos while they were in South Korea for the last two weeks for the President's Cup.

While bringing back into Australia live coverage of their matches, SBS more than looked after the Australian players.

Like the Australian Soccer Weekly that supplied heaps of copies of the paper over in Seoul for the squad who had nothing to read in their spare time, SBS also looked after this department.

Producer's Assistant,

Heather McCann, daughter of former NSW president Peter, now employed by SBS in the Sports Department, would diligently every day cut out clips from our local papers and fax them across to South Korea.

In fact Heather's super efficiency was extra-fast.

A travelling pressmen with the Australian team had filed a story on a Soc-

ceroo player who had gone out shopping and was involved in an incident during the current riots over there.

The story was quickly written, filed, printed and eventually faxed by Heather over to Korea BEFORE that player had a chance to return back to the Tower Hotel in Seoul.

Well done Heather and again well done SBS.

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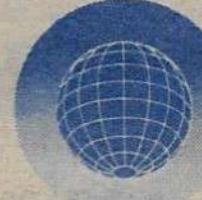
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

CHRIS MANOU BACK IN THE FOLD

BY TOM MCKAIN

BIG Chris Manou is back in the Adelaide Hellas fold, but will not be in the starting line-up against fourth-placed Beograd in the vital SA Rothmans League First Division match at home on Saturday.

After training with Footscray and having his name linked with Heidelberg and Adelaide City, the midfielder made peace with Hellas last weekend.

He has not played for eight weeks and coach Peter Jaksa will play it cool before giving him his first full game.

Hellas surged back into second place on the League table last Saturday with a 1-0 away win over Para Hills and will be favourites against Beograd, who crashed 2-0 at home against Croatia.

The latter had shattered Hellas the previous week with a 2-2 draw which saw the former NSL team slip to third place.

Croatia, now third and making a run at the title which carries a play-off place for the West End National League, should coast in this weekend against Apac, still holding up the table after another defeat, this time at home from Campbelltown, last year's champions, who

won 2-0.

Campbelltown (sixth) has a showdown match at home against leaders Salisbury who sunk visiting Cumberland 2-0 in the last round.

Cumberland, looking safe from relegation, are at home to Polonia who suffered a shock 2-0 defeat from Lion.

The latter are home to Azzurri who beat Birkalla 2-0 and moved two points clear of Birks, who are second bottom and relegation material.

Hellas will be boosted this week by the return of striker George Konstantopoulos who was out suspended last week, but there is still a doubt about midfielder Graham Honeyman, who had to leave the field against Para with a badly injured knee.

And Youth Socceroo Lou Hristodoulou will still be out serving the second of a two match suspension.

However, Manou will

probably make his reappearance in the second half against Beograd in a game which could decide the fate of both teams in the title hunt.

After a roaring start

Beograd is now beginning to show some cracks, while Croatia is beginning to get things together and district team Salisbury is emerging as a challenger to Hellas.

DID YOU KNOW???

The largest football stadium in the world is the Maracana Municipal Stadium in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, where the football ground has a normal capacity of 205,000, of whom 155,000 may be seated.

A crowd of 199,854 was accommodated for the World Cup final between Brazil and Uruguay on 16th July 1950.

A dry moat, 2.13 metre wide and more than 1.5 metres deep, protects players from spectators and vice versa.

The Azteca Stadium in Mexico City, opened in 1968, has a capacity of 107,000 of whom nearly all are under cover.

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SOCER crazy Graham Brown and his wife Debi have named their new baby boy after all the Coventry players who won the FA Cup. The unfortunate child will be called; Thomas, Michael, Steve, Brian, Keith, Nick, George, John, Graham Brown.

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TOP youth goalkeeper George Bouhoutsos, now with St George, is also with the Australian Youth squad.

NSW coach Alan Vest found him a place in the squad for the recent game in Brisbane — a clear indication of his potential.

George is hoping for a first team spot sometime. With Gary Meier continually on the job at Sydney Olympic, he is hoping that there will be scope for him with the Saints.

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AUSSIES NEED UPFRONT IMPROVEMENT

A SIGN of progress is evident in the current performances of our national team.

It is the more composed build ups from behind and through midfield which we have seen in recent games.

The second half against Everton, the game won against Morocco and especially in the 2-0 defeat of Chile all showed signs of a increase of skill and confidence in our ability to play Soccer.

Height, aggression, fitness and general competitiveness remain our best weapons against good standard opposition, as encountered in recent weeks.

Nevertheless, to be able to play with skill makes the difference at this level.

Oscar Crino, against Chile, showed how important it is to be able to hold on to the ball, then dispatch it effectively under the pressure of modern defenders.

Oscar's skill on the ball allowed him to win space and time to set up most of Australia's attacks in the second half of the Chile game.

Also playing for Australia that day were others who were able to keep possession of the ball under pressure.

The most successful of these was Alan Davidson and Gary McDowell.

Davidson has long had this ability, but it was rather surprising to see it in McDowell whose reputation is that of a ball winner.



OSCAR CRINO

Joy

Frank Arok must be delighted with McDowell, such a punishing tackler in midfield, yet able also to hold onto the ball and set team mates up with deft passes and also able to get forward into the box.

I have felt that Gary's aggression can spill over into uncontrolled fury at times but his courage allows him to take possession of the ball in tight situations and his strength often allows him to keep control of it.

It was not good to see him apparently feigning a bad injury, at one stage, in order to put pressure on the referee.

More than one player in the Australian team did this.

To be sure the Australians had plenty examples of this sort of bad sportsmanship in the opposition ranks.

But if you are going to be a man, why not be a man in all situations. You build strength that way.

Jeff Olver has been first class. So has Charlie Yankos.

An excellent interceptor, who gets quick to the ball in a tackle, Charlie also has grown in confidence while playing balls out of defence.

In the three games I watched, to the time of writing, stoppers Alan Hunter and Robbie Dunn have done well as has Peter Raskopoulos.

Up front is the area where Australia might seek improvement.



CHRIS KALANTZIS

QUEENSLAND'S TOP SOCCER

QUEENSLAND must be congratulated for a fine promotion for the interstate game Queensland against NSW and their inclusion of England and Manchester United captain BRYAN ROBSON.

The press and credibility for the game up there for the whole week prior was second to none and can only foster Soccer.

The Queensland president Ian Brusasco at the aftermath function also stated the utter professionalism of Robson and his fine image and approach to everything connected with the promotion would leave a lasting effect on the Soccer fraternity.

Players of his calibre and his presence for young players to observe and also play with can only pay dividends.

Our NSW squad also contributed greatly to a good match and a fine advertisement for the game.

This young squad did NSW proud and played some fine Soccer, in an open game with both sides committed to attack and making the game entertaining for the fans.

All the team worked hard with nineteen-year-old Abbas Saad having a fine game up front.



ALAN VEST

Another first up for New South Wales, Mark Brown, also had a fine performance, so their were plenty of pluses in the side.

Enthusiasm

Overall it was pleasing to see and apart from the last 15 minutes when the parochial crowd really got behind their side and urged them on for the equaliser, NSW just about deserved a win.



BRYAN ROBSON

One thing to come out of the game though, is the fact that there must be a marketable product there to promote more interstate games, and what a big boost to the game they are, particularly in the states with no NSL representation.

Anyway its food for thought, but it just shows with good promotion and something to sell, the media is there and the crowds too.

The NSW squad for the record was: Anthony Franken, Robbie Hooker, Tony Dakos, Arno Bertogna, Mark Brown, Burim Zajmi, Ian Gray, Gerry Gomez, Peter Tredinnick, Robbie Slater, Abbas Saad, Mark Jones, Ray Vlietstra, Tony Pezzano.

Many nations would make this remark today.

The reason for this is because attackers, more than any other players are restricted for space in modern Soccer.

Good defenders will be breathing down the neck of strikers whenever they have the ball.

It is so hard for them to get free of good markers.

What they have to be able to do, is to beat markers with sleight of foot in the limited space they are allowed, or play the ball off effectively first time.

This is able to be done, but not all strikers are able to do it.

Especially not too many Australian strikers.

Degree of Difficulty

We are now talking about the most difficult skills in the game, namely passing and dribbling around the tightly defended penalty areas and finding space to score.



FRANK AROK

MIKE JOHNSON writes for ASW and analyses the Socceros in the aftermath of the President's Cup final loss.

But even in positions well away from the defenders' goal strikers will be tightly marked.

It is more difficult for a striker to do what Crino is able to do in midfield.

Oscar would not be able to play up front.

Australia has played with three men up front in Korea, but all of them have found difficulty retaining possession of the ball, even though Andrew Zinni was a tremendous competitor. Graham Arnold good in the air and Chris Kalantizis a willing worker.

Against Chile, despite some good midfield build up in the second half, we could not really threaten the Chilean goal.

Our main threat was at set plays where height, weight and aggression gave us an advantage.

Of course, the problem of freeing attackers from markers is not just an Australian problem.

It has caused teams to begin using many midfielders, able to come from deeper positions to threaten goal.

Denmark did this in the World Cup.

Tottenham Hotspurs did so in the English Football League, with only Clive Allen up front, supported by many mobile players coming from behind.

Yet strikers can find space for themselves even under the tightest of marking.

Maradona does it with speed and sleight of foot.

On the other hand, the 33 year old Kenny Dalglish of Liverpool does it with screening and turning skills, which can punish defenders who mark him too tight.

So countries and teams generally now need players able to get out of trouble in tight situations.

Australia, more than most needs to address itself to this problem.

FRANK SCICLUNA
EXAMINES THE
NSW STATE LEAGUE
AND OLD FRIENDS
AT MELITA.

NSW STATE LEAGUE LEADERS ARE LOOKING THE PART



ONE of the new benefits derived from the three week West End National Soccer League break is the opportunity for fans to catch a rare glimpse of State League football.

The reduction of the national competition to 14 teams in 1987 not only improved the standard of Soccer in the top league, it also meant a huge boost to the various State competitions.

The surplus of clubs, players and coaches quickly lifted the quality of what was previously sub-standard outfits to new heights.

A clear example of this exists in the New South Wales State League where clubs like Melita Eagles, Blacktown City, Wollongong City and Canberra City are fighting a tooth and nail battle for promotion, led by coaches of the calibre of Les Scheinflug, Dennis Hogarth, John Fleming and Augusto Palacios.

When the playing staff at some of these clubs is examined closely, the situation begins to look even more impressive.

Clint Gosling, Alex Robertson and Ean Rodrigues are all former Sydney City players on Melita's books.

Grant Lee, Steve Watson ad Roy Cotton have all teamed up with Scheinflug at Blacktown to add experience to a youthful team that includes Brett Hughes, Kurt Reynolds and Jason van Blerk.

Uruguay Penrith is made up almost entirely of players with long National League experience including John Bradley, while Canberra City and Wollongong City have retained most of last year's NSL playing staff.

Although Les Scheinflug has taken Blacktown to a commanding lead at the half-way stage and must remain

favourites for promotion, the pride and joy of the NSW Soccer Federation has got to be the dynamic Melita Eagles.

If ever a club was a perfect example of what can be achieved through sheer hard work and far sighted administration, you need look no further.

A recent visit to their impressive Melita Stadium for the clash against Inter Monaro proved to be a real eye opener when compared to the facilities provided at some longer established national league outfits.

In fact I'd go as far as saying that in Sydney only St George can offer more comfort to their fans, while Melbourne only has Olympic Park and possibly Middle Park.

From the time you go through the turnstiles and collect the club's well produced 'High Flying Eagles' free magazine, the complete set up reeks of professionalism.

From the well designed grandstand to the impressive press box and luxurious dressing room facilities, Melita has set a standard that other clubs should be seeking to match.

The actual playing pitch as well as the team's performance on the day left a lot to be desired and coach Dennis Hogarth showed his disappointment after the game despite his side's 3-0 victory, but when a team can gain that sort of clear cut win with a sub-standard display it makes one wonder what it's capable of doing when everything clicks together.

Blacktown City and Canberra may well be setting the pace at the half way stage of the competition but don't write off the Eagles.

This progressive club is all geared up for promotion to the National League and few can argue that Melita deserves anything less. If they succeed, the NSL is sure to welcome them with open arms.



GREG RUSSELL
covers the
Queensland
scene

EASTERN SUBURBS TRADITION

AMPOL Cup seeker Eastern Suburbs has high hopes and a proud footballing tradition.

Its roots are deep in Brisbane's Soccer history, starting life in 1922 as Merton Rovers.

The inaugural meeting was held under a street light in Merton Rd, South Brisbane, and it took 14 years to reach first division status.

In 1936 the club was plunged into gloom by its suspension for a breach of the rules and it was not until 1940 that Merton Rovers again emerged in the top division, before being relegated after the war and staying in second division until 1961.

Merton Rovers, a powerful force in first division, started negotiations with one of the city's biggest junior clubs, East-Aston Villa, with a view to joining ranks, and amalgamation followed soon after.

Merton Rovers — later Merton Easts — has played in eight division one grand finals in the past 20 years, and won the flag five times. The club reached the final four in 17 of those seasons.

QUEENSLAND AMPOL CUP

EASTS EDGE OUT ROCKHAMPTON

EASTERN Suburbs striker Jim McDonagh put his team into the next round of Soccer's statewide Ampol Cup with a goal inside the last five minutes of the game against Rockhampton at Ryan Park to grab a 3-2 victory.

It was a magnificent game that had the spectators on the edge of their seats as the home side hit the front twice. Eastern Suburbs were a relieved team at the end of the absorbing struggle but coach John Sime said the game went the way he expected.

"We expected a very difficult game and they certainly gave it to us," he said.

"Rockhampton had a tremendous will to win and proved that they could compete with the best in the State."

Sime was particularly impressed with strikers Brad Smith and Peter Marshall who continually turned his defenders inside out and were unlucky not to get more goals.

Rockhampton applied a great deal of pressure to the visitors from the opening whistle and after only eight minutes took the lead.

It had been expected that the greatest danger would come from Eastern Suburbs twin strikers Phil Redmond and McDonagh who both

ROBSON WANTS TO RETURN

ENGLAND and Manchester United captain Bryan Robson wants to return to Queensland for three weeks next year — and immediately after the European championships where he could emerge a British national hero.

Robson, whose guest appearance for the Maroons against NSW last week was a huge success, said he wanted to bring his wife and children to Queensland for an extended stay.

"I am sure they would love it here and I certainly would like to come back and play for Queensland again if I was invited," Robson said after guiding Queensland to a memorable 1-1 draw with the Blues at Perry Park.

Robson admitted his 1988 calendar was packed with England almost certain of qualifying for the European championships. And many rate Bobby Robson's exciting new team as more than capable of lifting the European title — second in world Soccer importance only to the World Cup. Success in the tournament would make Bryan Robson a national hero in unprecedented demand by the news media.

But Robson said the three week break after the European championships and the start of pre-season training at Manchester United loomed as his only chance for a family holiday — and Australia loomed

as a perfect destination.

"Naturally I would be coming here for a break, but Soccer has always been my life and I get itchy feet for a game even after a week without football, so there would be no problems in playing a game or two while I am here if it could be organised. I certainly wouldn't be short of fitness after the European championships," Robson said.

The QSF is eager to get the England captain back after his week-long visit was a huge success. But so many factors are confusing the simple task of just inviting Robson back.

At this stage the QSF does not know whether Queensland will have a team in the NSL next year. And with that in mind, they cannot immediately set a date for next year's interstate clash. And even if there is a three-week break in the NSL as there has been this season, the break almost certainly will not line-up with Robson's three-week availability in late July, 1988.

But the QSF intend to do everything possible to get Robson back and concede that no-one but the England captain will be

acceptable now to the won-over Queensland public.

"I have met a lot of sportsmen in my time but I have never met a better ambassador for his country or his code than Bryan Robson," said QSF president Ian Brusasco.

"But now that the Queensland Soccer public have seen the England captain, we have set ourselves a standard. We won't be able to get just anyone in the future. Robson is the one."

The QSF is now understood to be negotiating with Robson and his agent Tony Price to see what can be organised for 1988.



BRYAN ROBSON, coming back next year.

SYDNEY RETURN MATCH?

THE NSW Soccer Federation is to look at the possibility of staging an interstate contest against Queensland in Sydney next year.

Speaking at the after-match function following the 1-1 draw between the Blues and the Maroons at Perry Park last week, NSWSF vice-president George Dick extended a provisional invitation for Queensland to play in Sydney as well as confirming NSW's involvement in

another Perry Park fixture next year.

"NSW will keep a spot open every year to play Queensland," Dick said. "I can confirm we will be back in 1988 and if it can be arranged, we will also invite you down to play in Sydney."

QSF president Ian Brusasco immediately accepted the NSW invitation and confirmed that plans already were underway for the Maroons to have an extended series of matches in 1988.

Queensland played six times this year for three wins and three draws, its best record in its most hectic program in years.

And Brusasco said there was no going back now, state team football was back in fashion and here to stay.

"We will continue to promote our State team as it is one of our most valuable assets. We would be pleased to accept an invitation to play in Sydney but what we need to know as early as possible is whether there is going to be a three-week break in

the NSL again," Brusasco said.

NSW coach Alan Vest backed the idea of a home-and-away clash against Queensland, having experienced four times now the parochial Queensland Perry Park crowd.

"We come up here expecting the crowd to be one-sided and I think it's great for the game. But I certainly would like to play them in Sydney," Vest said.

"I always have said interstate football must play an important part in our game and I think it is up to the bigger states like NSW to co-operate and participate.

"If it was up to me I would give Queensland a game anywhere or come up to Perry Park anytime."

NORTH ARE GOING FULL STRENGTH

NORTH STAR, Queensland's undefeated XXXX League leaders at halfway mark of the season, have backed down on claims that they will field only a second string team in the President's Cup final against championship rivals, Lions.

The club was risking

disciplinary action from the QSF management committee, which is hoping to stage a big mid-week promotion when the two first round leaders, plus the leading two teams from the Second Division at the halfway mark play a doubleheader at Perry Park for the President and Intermediate Cups.

Often outspoken North Star coach, Iain Fagan, claimed he had been quoted out of context.

"What I meant was that I might use the match to give one or two players who have been on the fringe of first team selection, the opportunity to push for inclusion in the following week's fixture," Fagan said.

"But certainly, we will have eight or nine of our normal first team on the park."

It is understandable that North Star and Lions would be reluctant to risk all for the President's Cup final — a match which offers a trophy but carries no premiership points.

The two clubs are locked in an intense battle at the top of the XXXX League with both eying the NSL promotion play-offs in October. North Star gained the edge over Lions when they staged a stunning 2-1 win over the

former NSLers at O'Calaghan Park a month ago.

Their return premiership clash at Richlands in a month's time could well decide who wins the league — and the right to represent Queensland in the play-offs.

Having the President's Cup in the trophy cabinet will count for nothing if the other club wins the game that matters and goes on to the NSL.

But QSF boss Ian Brusasco believes the match is the perfect chance for both sides to show the public what they can offer in a Cup final atmosphere without the pressure of premiership points.

And he further warns: "Any club which purposefully or obviously fields a second string team could be found to be bringing the game into disrepute. And there is now a 'show-case' clause in the constitution which the management committee would seriously look at using if a club was found not doing the right thing in our premier competition."

A date for the Cup final is still yet to be set because of outstanding games in division two. Almost certainly the second match in the doubleheader will be against highly supported Croatia and Juventus

(which is obviously why the QSF wants the Perry Park doubleheader to go ahead).

But there is congestion at the top of division two and Croatia could miss out if, albeit unlikely, they lost their deferred and yet to be rescheduled match against Nerang by seven clear goals.

The QSF is having trouble rescheduling the Nerang-Croatia match because of Croatia's run in the Ampol Cup and the fact that it is Nerang's home game and their lights are unsuitable for a mid-week night game.

Off-the-record, all clubs say they would much prefer the Cup finals to be scrapped as separate games and the second round clashes between the clubs doubling as the silverware deciders.

But at the moment the QSF is against that idea, having only last year introduced the first round leaders Cup final concept.

"The two clubs at the top of each division at the end of the first round may not meet in fixtures until the very end of the season. I think it would be a bit pointless and lose any significance for a trophy for first round leaders to be decided in September," a QSF official said.



Brisbane Lions' Richard Van Win and Taringa Rovers' Frank Byrne get into the thick of the action during a XXXX League clash.

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AUSTRALIAN Youth squad striker Abbas Saad caught England captain Bryan Robson's eye during the recent interstate game between Queensland and NSW. Robson was impressed with Saad's close skills and predicted the youngster had big things ahead of him. NSW coach Alan Vest also raved about Saad's efforts. "On the day he even outshone Robbie Slater and that's no disrespect to him: Abbas just worked so hard," said Vest.

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FORMER Brisbane City NSL striker Mark Brusasco, now with XXXX League club Coalstars, was voted by the Brisbane media as Queensland's man of the match in the recent interstate clash. But the voting for the annual George Roberts Memorial Award was the closest on record with Alan Niven, Frank Liddell and Martin Kirsopp also polling well.

JOEYS DRAW IN TOUGHEST GROUP

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE inclusion of France in Australia's group for the world under 16 championships in Canada has given Vic Dalgleish and Bruce Stowell's team an uphill task to reach the second round of the competition.

The Joeys must finish first or second in a group which also contains Brazil and Saudi Arabia.

"It's probably a tougher group than we had in China," said Stowell this week on learning on the inclusion of France. France earned a place in Australia's group after finishing runner-up in the recent European under 16 championship.

In China in 1985, Australia was grouped with West Germany (who were eventual finalist), Argentina and Congo. But the Joeys stunned the world with upset wins over the big names to advance to the next round as group winners.

And it was only a penalty shoot-out loss to Guinea

We will be seen as definite underdogs."

that robbed Stowell and Dalgleish's team from going all the way.

Stowell rates his current squad of players as just as capable of rolling their opponents this time.

"Had we been in a group of lesser Soccer nations, after China we might have been rated as favourites and put under extra pressure. But I think we will be seen as definite underdogs now and I am sure that will spur the boys on," Stowell said.

"If we play to our

strengths and everyone does their job, then I think we have little to fear from the likes of Brazil and France."

Stowell believes the most difficult job his young charges will face will be adapting to the different styles they will be confronted by once the tournament kicks-off in Montreal on July 12.

"We are going to be pitted against South American style and European football while Saudi Arabia could well be a mixture of

both. It definitely will be a matter of formulating our own match plan and sticking to it," Stowell said.

The Young Australians will begin their preparations for the tournament with a four-day training camp at Parklea before jetting out for a four-day stopover in Amsterdam.

The team will use the facilities of a nearby sports school and are likely to have at least two matches. They then will fly into Montreal four days before the tournament starts for final acclimatisation.

The Young Joeys open their program when they play Saudi Arabia on July 12 (11am, July 13 AEST). They then play France on July 14, July 16 (9am, July 17 AEST).

NORTHERN NSW
JOE SENKALSKI HELPS OUT AT SINGLETON

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

FORMER Newcastle KB United and Australian representative midfielder Joe Senkalski will be among a select official panel when an all-day coaching clinic is held in the Hunter area next Sunday (June 28).

More than 100 players are expected to attend the coaching seminar, which is being held at Allroy Park, Singleton, between 10am and 3.30pm.

The 5½-hour session is being organised by Ken Kaiser, National League Coach of the Year in 1983 and current Northern NSW Director of Coaching.

Apart from Senkalski, the staff for the day will include Les Bee, former Director of Coaching in the Australian Capital Territory; Peter Dewhurst, present coach of Newcastle Soccer Club playing in the NSW State Bank League; former English professional John Cavanah, now with Newcastle, and Alan Williamson, Northern NSW Under-13 coach.

The cost to those who attend will be \$12, for which they will receive a morning drink, lunch and a T-shirt supplied by the sponsor, Schweppes.

THE Bohemian Restaurant has increased their interest in Soccer in Tasmania with the recent announcement of the Bohemian Restaurant Statewide Knockout Soccer Cup.

Last year the Bohemian entered the world of Soccer with the Bohemian Restaurant Invitational Cup — a trial runner for this year's expanded and higher profile competition.

Last year's winners, Launceston Croatia, hold the trophy.

This year the teams will be vying for prize money totalling \$2000 — \$1000 of that being for the first prize.

The first round was played on June 8.



JOE SENKALSKI

A NEW BALL GAME FOR WILLIS AT MACEDONIA

ILLAWARRA INFO

BY PHIL MURPHY

PETER WILLIS is discovering a whole new dimension to the game since being appointed player-coach of Wollongong Macedonia.

Willis is the man with the toughest job in the State Bank League and it hasn't taken him long to realise just how tough it is going to be.

When Macedonia officials sacked John Frew earlier this month, Willis was the man they turned to in a bid to stay up.

The club was on the bottom of the league with a team that simply didn't have the players to compete in the State competition.

What has made it hard for Willis is that he is suddenly involved in his first coaching experience while still playing in the team.

"It was very strange during that first game against Warringah because suddenly I had to worry about the other play-

ers and at the same time perform myself," Willis said.

"It was pouring rain most of the game but I didn't really notice because I had so many other things going through my mind.

"A point that day seemed a fair enough result under the circumstances and my players realise just what hard times we have ahead.

"When you are on the bottom every game is virtually a grand final and they will have to lift themselves to meet the occasion week after week."

Imports

Macedonia have given Willis some chance with the signing of three Macedonian imports, the most talented appearing to be striker Vladko Kenevski, who made his debut in the 1-0 away defeat at Newcastle.

Cane Popovski has also come in to the side and looks skilful and these two players could well have a big say in whether Macedonia stays up.

While the Macedonia committee desperately want to stay in the State League they are also hop-

ing the new players will draw big crowds to Berkeley Sportsground through to the end of the season.

We can only hope they do because if the team gets the chop they could well be back playing Illawarra Premier League in 1988.

There is a strong feeling among club supporters that there would be no real point in going back to Second Division and starting a rebuilding programme.

They feel they have been through all the drama of trying to win promotion too many times and would be quite content to stay in Illawarra.

"It wouldn't be so bad if we were based in Sydney but being so far away makes it hard to create enthusiasm if we were relegated to Second Division," one supporter said.

The official version from the club is that they have won their way in to the "big league" and if they go down they will fight their way back.

In the end, Peter Willis might be the man who determines the future of the club.

Recently he competed in his first full marathon —



Wollongong Macedonia defender Peter Ruskin (right) moves in to tackle Canberra winger Sixto Gonzales during the recent game at Berkeley. Macedonia have an uphill battle to avoid relegation and the prospect of a very uncertain future.

'SHOW STYLE' SAYS BOSS

COALSTARS coach Brian Styles, who guided his team to Ampol Cup and grand final success last year, has given his players three weeks to prove their commitment.

Styles has warned that unless there is an improvement, he will go ahead with the resignation he submitted to the club last week.

Styles' move stunned the players and the club's committee, which refused to accept the resignation. The players immediately held a meeting and pledged to lift their act.

Coalstars have struggled this year after their

most successful season ever last year. The recent form of several players, some of whom have already stated it will be their last season in the game, has disappointed Styles and is believed to have prompted his resignation.

One player who has thrown all his support behind the Coalstars coach is Queensland team cen-

tre forward Mark Brusasco, who has received a number of offers to switch clubs. Brusasco, who has turned down all the offers and given the club a commitment to the end of the season, called on Styles to see through the current difficult patch.

"I would be very unhappy and disappointed if Bryan Styles left," said Brusasco.

DAVID NAYLOR'S AMBITIONS

ILLAWARRA referee David Naylor is one whistler who never gets accused of controlling games from the centre circle.

Naylor, who is currently controlling Illawarra games on Saturdays and taking NSL and State Bank League line appointments on Sundays, is a fitness fanatic.

Recently he competed in his first full marathon —

42 kilometres — and did it in a "breeze."

"It was great; I really enjoyed it and didn't feel anywhere near as tired as I would have expected," Naylor said.

He must have felt good the following morning as

he controlled the vital Illawarra Premier League game between Warrilla and Figree on the holiday Monday.

Naylor has a real Soccer background, having played with Balgownie and Tarrawanna (he also coached that club) but decided on a refereeing career rather than stay in the coaching business.

HAPPY DAYS TO GERRY WALKER

BY PHIL MURPHY

FERNHILL coach Gerry Walker won't forget Saturday, June 13, in a hurry.

That was the day his team beat Warilla Wanderers 4-3 in a vital Premier League match and he celebrated his 40th birthday.

It doesn't sound unforgettable but it was.

To start with, Walker was back in the first grade side as sweeper in a bid to lift his team.

Then they were down 3-1 to Warilla with just 20 minutes to play and reduced to 10 men.

Winger Terry Stewart and goalkeeper Justin Norris had to be replaced with injuries then midfielder Peter Thompson broke a bone in his foot with 20 minutes to play.

Fernhill performed like men inspired to win the game 4-3 then Walker told his players he was off for a quiet

dinner with Port Kembla coach Robert Fryer to celebrate his birthday.

What actually happened was Fryer took his mate to a surprise 40th birthday Party at Woonona where more than 100 Soccer friends were waiting.

"I was in a daze when we walked in and all those faces were so familiar," Walker said.

Walker hadn't seen some of the faces for years but they came from Sydney for the big night.

Organisers of the night turned on a 'This Is Your Life' show for the guest of honour and the whole thing was rated a huge success.

Walker came from Scotland via South Africa where he played professionally to join Safeway United in 1970.

He also played with Auburn and Sutherland before joining Illawarra club Coniston with Fryer and he has been coaching Fernhill for four years.



Australian Capital Territory

GRAHAM COOKE presents a complete coverage of the ACT scene.

NARRABUNDAH'S BIG WOES

IT's a sad fact of Soccer life that problems seem to multiply when you are bottom of the league.

ACT first division side Narrabundah have had some unhappy Sunday afternoons recently, one involving a 7-0 beating at the hands of championship chaser Belconnen United.

On top of that, youth team sweeper Robert Alonso suffered a broken leg which will put him out for the rest of the season.

The game was held up because Alonso, lying on the pitch, could not be moved and the emergency telephone at Hawker Oval had been vandalised. "We had to get someone down to the Belconnen Soccer Club to phone for an ambulance," United president Ken Carter said.

"It is essential we have a telephone at the ground for emergencies such as these and we will be getting in touch with the Department of Territories to see if it can be repaired."

Narrabundah secretary Eddie Park said Alonso's injury was the worst in a series of misfortunes to strike the club. "Against Croatia recently we used three goalkeepers and finished with only nine men. In all we have lost around 17 players through transfer or injury since last season."

"A club of our size can't handle that kind of drain and it does look as if we will be heading for the second division next season."

LINO FEELS THE PINCH

JUVENTUS's tough tackling little defender Lino De Angelis is feeling the strain of extra responsibility in the Ampol Cup holder's re-modelled ACT first-division line-up this season.

"I'm playing a different role from last season," he said recently. "We've lost Iain McGibbon who was an excellent talker and used to organise the defence and now that's been left up to me."

"We don't have the experience we had last year with Iain, Tom Paulette and Steve Barber gone and that's been a difficulty."

"On top of that, I've had a few niggling injuries and I have a problem with my cartilage."

"The physio says I should have three or four weeks rest, but I'm not willing to do that at this stage."

"It's strange but I find the extra responsibility is tiring. I know that all I am doing extra is watching out for other people and talking more, but it seems to take a lot out of me."

DEAKIN DO IT!

CROATIA Deakin came back from two goals down to beat Juventus 3-2 in the match between the first division's traditional rivals.

Danny Serena gave Juventus an early advantage when he struck a free-kick into the top left hand corner of the net with two minutes gone then, after a period of intense Croatia pressure, Kiki Exposito counter-attacked, pushed the ball out to Dominic Rinaldo whose cross found Serena ready to chip over Frank Reising's head.

The league champions struck back in the second half when Emile Maricic was fouled in the penalty area and Stan Dukic scored from the

spot. Within a minute Jim Harkins and John Miloloza were causing confusion in the Juventus defence, allowing John Forora in for the equaliser.

The winner came after 66 minutes. Luis Salgado hoisted a free kick into the box, Miloloza headed on for Forora to score his second.

Juventus had a late chance for an equaliser but Frank Maddafari's shot was over the bar.

Best for Croatia were Dukic, Santolin and Vic Trajanoski, with Maddafari and Abdul Manaan playing well for Juventus.



YOU CAN BANK ON BRYANT



Anthony Franken "look alike" Charlie Perkins under pressure in the Presidents XI goals.

DEFENCE FORCE WILL COME TO ARMS!

AUSTRALIAN Defence Force Academy coach Richard Beazley believes his side will recover from a slow start to its ACT Senior League division 2 campaign.

"We lost 11 players out of a 16-man first-team squad last season, which meant an almost total rebuilding of our second-division squad," he said. "We're well on the way

to achieving this. Many of our current squad have inter-state representative experience or have played with NSL or state league sides, so the skills are there.

"Some teams we oppose have a core of players who have been together for years, whereas our teamwork and

understanding is only now coming together."

"Considering our oldest player is 20 and the average age 18, we are not performing that badly against more experienced teams. If we could pick up an experienced player or two, ADFA could take the second division by storm."

WHATEVER the results in Canberra Griffins NSW State Bank

Soccer league matches, you can bet that Steve Bryant will be moaning.

It's not that the Griffins' experienced sweeper is unhappy about the most successful season in the club's history — it's just that he's made that way.

"I've always been a bit of an organiser, telling other players what they should be doing," he said.

"And our coach, Augusto Palacios, likes it that way."

He feels that I read the game well."

Things were not always so settled for the man who stepped into the gap left by the resignation of Roy Thomson last season, coaching the side through its last, ill-fated months in the NSL.

"While I want to go into coaching eventually, last year was too soon and I don't think it did me or the team any good," he said.

"Even before the club announced they were fir-

ing Augusto I made up my mind to step down.

"I started off in the pre-season games playing at left back with Phil Reis as sweeper, then we heard that there was a sweeper coming from Peru."

But as the team sorted itself out Bryant proved by example that he was the man for the last line of out-field defence and the outstanding goals-against record is due in no small measure to his generalship at the back.

And while goalscoring has been a problem he believes the time will come when that will be put right.

"Someone's going to cop a hiding from us some day — and I'm not talking about five or six, we could get to double figures."

"Augusto is doing a great job. He works out individual plans for each team so that we go out on the pitch knowing what their strengths and weaknesses are."

"That was the difference when we beat Blacktown. We knew exactly what we had to do to nullify them."

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THE number of Soccer referees in the ACT was increasing to the point where all senior matches will have at least one official, Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees Federation committee member Henk Thijssens said.

"Since the beginning of the year we have put 42 juniors and 21 adults through courses and we are getting pretty close to being able to cover all the senior games we are responsible for," he said.

"The next task will be complete coverage for the juniors."

Thijssens, who has special responsibility for recruitment and training with the AASRF, said he would be willing to run further courses if there was sufficient interest. "People should get in touch with me at home on 58 2799."



WA EMU EXPORT STATE SOCCER LEAGUE



STATE LEAGUE WIDE OPEN

BY DAVID ANDREWS

THE second half of the Western Australian State League competition has been thrown wide open after Perth Azzurri fought out a superb 2-2 draw with Floreat Athena at Azzurri's home ground Dorrien Gardens on Sunday.

After the weekend's fixtures eight points separate sixth team East Fremantle Tricolore from the leaders Stirling Macedonia and in WA it is three points for a win and one for draw.

In reality only the top four clubs - Macedonia, Athena, Spearwood Dalmatinac and Azzurri - appear to have a real chance at the title.

They have the squads and the penetrative power consistently to turn half chances into winning margins.

Azzurri demonstrated that ability on Sunday twice leading Athena with well worked goals only to relinquish their hold with two silly defensive errors.

This was something of a surprise because defensively Azzurri have been on top of the world.

But it was the second time they had thrown away the points in such a manner.

Some time ago they had the game won against Dalmatinac, leading 1-0 with

only three minutes to go, when a bad back pass was intercepted by Ross Greer who notched the equaliser.

On Sunday it was the same when defender John Peacock who gave away a penalty late in the game after Azzurri had re-established their superiority and appeared headed for a well deserved victory.

A long searching free kick in the 82nd minute found Peacock climbing all over Athena striker Paul Wormley to conceded the penalty from which Jeff Curren converted.

Azzurri had dominated the first-half, missing a gilt edge chance through Peter Murphy in the eighth minute.

Striker Murphy, and former Hong Kong player Ian Ballantine, created havoc in the Athena defence.

But Athena almost snatched a surprise lead in the 32nd minute when a

long square cross found Harry Katsamakis on the far post almost on the line.

In what must be classed the miss of the year Katsamakis somehow hit the ball into the side netting when a touch would have found success.

Big Crowd

The first-half was a powerful, pulsating affair that provided a crowd of more than 2000 with full value for money.

In the 50th minute, with Azzurri still looking winners, Ballantine brought the crowd to their feet with a neat goal.

Midfielder Paul Donnelly, one of the best men on the field, fought tenaciously for possession before releasing a through ball to Murphy.

Murphy quickly released a high cross to Ballantine who slotted the ball inside the left post while goalkeeper Chris Barbas was caught going the wrong way.

Suddenly Athena hit a purple patch that lasted 20 minutes following a goal from Mike Nickolakis in the 67th minute.

Goalkeeper Jim Preston appeared to have the shot covered and attempted to catch the ball only for it to loop out of his hands into the top left-hand corner of the net.

But in the 70th minute Azzurri again produced the goods with a well taken free kick by Gareth Naven that found his identical twin brother Craig who headed in the Athena penalty area.

Barbas left his line to fist away but arrived late with Ballantine beating him in the air to head into the empty net.

Surely Azzurri had the points!

No, because Athena this year have never given up under coach Ken Warden, and, with Azzurri's help, fashioned the penalty that gave them the share of the points.

Azzurri can only wonder why a team so full of talent must walk away without full rewards for effort.

That problem could accentuate if their outstanding defender Gavin Tait returns to Scotland as seems likely at this moment.

His performance

against Athena was nothing short of outstanding, a standard he continues to set with each game.

While the top four continue to promise much in the chase for the premiership, many other clubs at this stage are well short of quality for the top competition.

Improvement

Inglewood Kiev showed tremendous fighting spirit to score three goals against Dalmatinac, their highest one match tally to date having scored only five in the 11 previous games.

But they still crashed 5-3.

Bottom of the table Balga looked destined for the second division after yet another defeat going down 3-0 to fifth placed Kingsway Olympic.

Gosnells City, who started the season like champions, scored only their second goal in seven games in a 1-1 draw with Osborne Park Galeb, a relegation prospect.

Bayswater Inter continue to drag themselves up the League ladder following an unexpected 1-0 victory over Tricolore.

Bayswater won the night series earlier this year, but looked only a shadow of that side on the bigger pitches of the

League competition.

State League newcomers Cockburn United lost 2-1 to leaders Macedonia, but in the process did themselves proud by their fighting spirit and placed question marks against Macedonia's ability to last the distance.



DALMATINAC'S
MATT PEARSON

PROMOTION WORKS IN THE WEST

IN Western Australia there are four divisions in the Federation — State League, Second Division, Third Division and Fourth Division.

There is a system of promotion of two up and two down throughout.

However when a club reaches the position of

being winner or runner-up of Second Division before they are able to reach State League status certain criteria is necessary before they may be accepted into the highest competition.

But it is a fact that you can go from Fourth Division to State League in a very short space of time.

Some of the top clubs of today were not too long ago in the Fourth Division or even the Amateur League.

But the reason for this article is to draw attention to a tremendous feat by Third Division club, Ferndale United.

They joined the Fourth Division in 1986, direct from the Amateur League and went the whole of that season without defeat in that league. Of 16 games they won 12, drew four, scored 52 goals with only 12 against.

The amazing situation is that although playing in the Third Division in 1987. They have still maintained their quite unique record with half the season gone and 12 League games behind them. Their record is still much the same, won nine, drawn three -- which makes a total of 28 games in the Federation without loss.

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This year everyone is expecting a big season, especially from our three recent signings.

So far we have acquired the services of Scott Gilligan (ex Sydney Tornadoes Striker), Rod Skellern (ex Blacktown City Defender) and an exciting new player, U/18 Striker John White (currently playing State League for Revesby Allstars).

With this added strength, the team is ready to improve greatly on last year's 5th position.

The Lotto Allstars are still looking for one more player to finalise their team for the '87 season.

If anybody is interested in trialing please contact Brett Gilligan on 602-3040 after 6pm.

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— BRETT GILLIGAN

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Simon Pase
South Oakleigh 3167.
P.S. I'm not criticizing your paper.

[Simon. We have an arrangement to do what you ask. Victorian junior results will be printed as often as possible. Unfortunately there are far too many results to do this for other States. — Ed]

ASW PRINT & DISTRIBUTION

NOW that the only local Soccer paper has folded, we depend on your publication and I, for one, am glad that there is one weekly left, to keep us abreast of what is going on in the local scene (even though, the increased demand has made a copy hard to get, if you don't get in early).

However, reading your paper is a continuous strain on the eyes. If, in the interest of economy, you choose to print in microscopic characters, you may save some money, but you will surely irritate a lot of customers, part of whom may eventually have to give up reading (it), out of sheer frustration,

and physical distress.

Can you find one single newspaper in Australia who prints in this type?

What a shame (and a pity)!

F.H. Halpern

(ex-President Hakoah

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Should you feel that any aspect of our new type set up remains a problem, we would be most glad to hear from you again. — Ed]

WARREN'S TV POINT

IT was interesting to hear Johnny Warren state on Vox Populi recently that Australia had failed to capitalise on the vast international popularity of the game. I believe he

further raised this point on the Ray Martin Show debate.

Also on Vox Populi Charlie Perkins said to the majority of the world, Soccer is simply 'football'.

Why not then combine these two thoughts and call the ASF and AWFF (ie The Australian World Football Federation).

This theme could then be carried through to every level of the sport.

Gerry Dorvey (Englebert Humperdinck) did it, and it worked wonders for him.

V.R. Wake

Everton Hills Q 4053

[Even in early days in this country every Association at least named themselves 'Soccer Football Association.' It seems to be another instance where the position is allowed to slip backwards. — Ed]

NON-NSL FOR CUP

I READ with interest Johnny Warren's recent comments on the Beach Fashion's Cup. Has it ever been suggested that this competition could be a national one on the lines of the English FA Cup?

I envisage 72 non-NSL clubs competing in the first two rounds (drawn on a regional basis) to reduce to 18.

At that point the 14 NSL clubs would join in, and

REFEREES' REPLY

IT is not the normal policy

of this Division to enter into

public debate as to the

merit or demerit of the

performance of our mem-

bers officiating at games.

However, as J.V. Rizzo

in the June 10 issue of

ASW tries to substantiate

his criticism of referees by

stating that he has been

trained as a referee, it

might be prudent to point

out the following.

J. Rizzo at one time was a class three referee with this Division but has been for many years a suspended referee (still in force).

Australia's FIFA Referees lecturer and National Referees Coach was the referees inspector on

the match in question and

The fact they made a profit will only serve in the long term to lessen the money required from the clubs to maintain the services both clubs and affiliates expect from their State Federation.

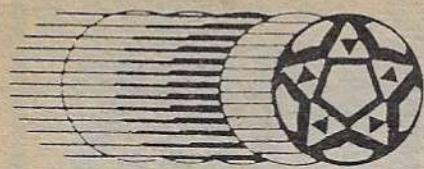
In my view they were

correct in adopting an atti-

tude that benefits the

code in Victoria as a whole.

Alan J Vessey



AUSTRALIAN INDOOR PAGE

D'Alessio arrives

PACIFIC CUP LAUNCH IN CANBERRA

WORLD Indoor Soccer President Januario D'Alessio of Brazil will arrive in Australia next week to be the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation's special guest for the Pacific Cup series to be staged now at the Palace - the National Indoor Sports Centre, Canberra.

D'Alessio will be accompanied by FIFUSA (the indoor equivalent of FIFA) Development Officer and leading Brazilian coach Zego.



GREG HARTUNG,
General Manager,
Australian Sports
Commission.

During the visit D'Alessio will check on final

GREENACRE TORNADOES 7 ALECS WRECKERS TWO 3

TORNADOES finally shook their losing streak. They had lost their three previous games before this one and had been looking rather jaded. Last week they lost to Alecs Wreckers One and were seeking revenge against their brother team.

They began strongly and were never in any danger of losing. It took a while to post their first goal but they were having trouble putting the ball into the net. Ercan Osman beat several players and eventually scored to give Tornadoes the lead. But within a minute Cabanas had equalised and it was still anybody's game.

Erkin Oman, directing traffic, decided to run at the Wreckers' defence and sneaked through the gap to score Tornadoes second goal. Soon after Tornadoes tried the chip free kick. It didn't work but Moon, standing wide, found himself turning the wrong way as the ball rolled towards him. Acrobatically he turned and shot in one motion to post Tornadoes third goal. At half-time Tornadoes led 3-1 but it should have been more.

The second half developed into the same pattern with Tornadoes continually pressing forward. They scored four more goals this half and secured a place on the table. Tornadoes won this game rather convincingly but at the moment still haven't reached their full potential.

Goalscorers: Greenacre Tornadoes 7 (Ercan Osman 2, Erkin Osman 2, L Moon 2, B Psaroudis) Alecs Wreckers 3 (T Cabanas 2, M Plinika).

Points: 3 - Erkin Osman (Tornadoes), 2 - T Cabanas (Alecs Two), 1 - B Psaroudis (Tornadoes).

arrangements for next year's World Cup while Zego will be helping the Australian team leading up to and during the Pacific Cup series as well as staging coaching courses around Australia after the visit.

The Australian team enters training camp at the Australian Institute of

Sport this week and will stay there for the Pacific Cup series.

The training camp indicates the seriousness of the Aussies approach to the series where it is imperative the locals put up a good show against some of their World Cup opponents next year.

On a promotional level

break and were playing well.

Ienco was keeping Filipovic well in check and hardly let him get a sniff at the ball. The second half saw Bullets go to sleep and Alkene took their chances. The downfall in the end was too many free kicks against the Bullets.

Alkene have been on a great roll in recent weeks and nothing seems to be able to stop them. It seemed that Bullets were going to end their winning streak but somehow they fought back and took the points.

Two free kicks in the first half for Bullets gave them a well deserved 2-0 lead at the break and it looked as though they would continue the second half with more goals.

However Filipovic had another win in his sights and when Ienco was replaced he started to penetrate the Bullets' defence.

From a free kick he beat the wall and the goalkeeper to bring Alkene a step closer.

Soon after Radosavovic scored from a direct free kick to bring them level.

With only minutes remaining Filipovic latched onto a poor clearance and after beating his man he scored the winning goal.

Umpleby nearly saved the shot but the momentum carried the ball over his body and into the goal.

Alkene now are only one point out of the four and if they keep playing as well as they have been they will definitely make the semi-finals.

Bullets are still in the top four but it could only be a matter of time before they slip out if they keep performing this badly.

GOALSCORERS: ALKENE 3 (R. Filipovic, 2, M. Radosavovic) REVESBY BULLETS 2 (C. Ienco, S. Peachey). POINTS: 3 - R. Filipovic, 2 (Alkene) - C. Ienco, 1 (Bullets) - Z. Balazic (Alkene).

PARRAMATTA SPARTANS SPEARS 0 PHILIPS 2

This game Philips were expected to win and even with their nor-ers led 5-2 and a cricket mal goalkeeper playing score loomed. But the Rebels didn't know what had hit them. The Wreckers were running for everything and continually got to the ball ahead of the Rebels.

Canberra City Strikers Ian Murray and Billy Stewart, both professional musicians, will be approached to sing the national anthem at the official opening of the Pacific Cup on July 3.

The series will be officially launched by Australian Sports Commission general

manager Greg Hartung, in the absence of the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism John Brown on official election business.

Official sponsors of the Pacific Cup series Buffalo Sports will be joined by Ansett Airlines and Lotto Shoes in underwriting the series.

N.S.W. STATE LEAGUE

Wreckers defence into making mistakes and they took their chances gleefully.

At one stage they had pulled back to 6-5 down and there was still plenty of time left for victory.

But Bettencelli seized upon a through ball and from wide out he steered

the ball past the keeper to make it 7-5 with only a minute to go. Rebels attacked again but to no avail as the referee blew for full-time.

If the Rebels had begun in first gear instead of neutral they might have got away with a win. But full credit to Wreckers who

NSW INDOOR STATE LEAGUE

P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
P'matta Spartans Shields	11	10	0	1	70	27	43 20
Greenacre Tornadoes	11	5	3	3	42	31	11 13
Revesby Bullets	10	4	3	3	39	30	9 11
Philips	11	4	3	4	30	22	8 11
Revesby Allstars	10	5	1	4	32	34	-2 11
Alec's Wreckers Two	10	5	1	4	31	35	-4 11
Alkene	11	5	0	6	32	43	-11 10
Revesby Rebels	11	4	1	6	33	38	-5 9
Alec's Wreckers One	10	4	1	5	44	54	-10 9
P'matta Spartans Spears	11	0	1	10	19	58	-39 1

LEADING GOALSCORERS: 17: M Bettencelli (Alec One). 16: R Filipovic (Alkene). 15: G Akkary (Shields). 14: H Martinez (Shields). S Spivack (Shields). 12: B Gilligan (Rebels). 11: S Knight (Tornadoes). F Speranza (Philips). 9: P Stromquist (Rebels). G Montes (Alec One). P Dolton (Allstars).

POINTS: 14: R Filipovic (Alkene). 13: F Speranza (Philips). 12: S Knight (Tornadoes). 11: C Akkary (Shields). 9: P Stromquist (Rebels). G Tour (Philips). H Martinez (Shields). 8: F Sales (Alec Two). B Gilligan (Rebels).

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES WEEK 12: Alec's Wreckers Two v Revesby Bullets, Alecs Wreckers One v Revesby Allstars, Alkene v Philips, Greenacre Tornadoes v Revesby Rebels, Parramatta Spartans Shields v Parramatta Spartans Spears.

started like a steam train and never looked back. This win brings them level with Rebels and only two points out of the four.

GOALSCORERS: ALEC'S WRECKERS ONE 7 (M. Bettencelli, 4. G. Montes 3) REVESBY REBELS 5 (B. Gilligan, 3, P. Stromquist, B. Thurlow). POINTS: M. Bettencelli (Alec One), 2 - B. Gilligan (Rebels), 1 - G. Montes (Alec One).

QUEENSLAND PLAY JAPANESE WORLD CUP SQUAD

THE hottest news this week is the confirmation that the Japanese international mens team will play an official test match here in Brisbane.

This is yet another milestone for the Indoor Soccer code, as it will be the very first international team to visit the state.

Queensland president John Green and state director Keith Sharrock struck a good relationship with the Japanese Saloon Football Association while escorting the Australian Under 20 team on a official tour last November.



They invited Japan to visit Queensland this year. The Japanese team are now in preparation for next year's Indoor Soccer World Cup to be held here in Australia.

Before coming to Qld they will be contesting the Pacific Cup tournament in Melbourne, where they will be playing in the official World Cup warm up playing top competition from Mexico, Canada, USA, New Zealand and of course Australia.

Japan are highly regarded in the Indoor game and have been playing the official world wide international rules for many years.

Qld would have to play exceptionally well to hold them according to Mr Sharrock, who was very impressed with their deep knowledge of the game whilst in Japan.

The match is scheduled for Friday, July 10, and is to be at the fabulous stafford skating arena, home of the fast developing stafford Indoor Soccer club.

The management is installing a top of the range timber floor this week.

Stafford would not doubt be one of the best venues for Indoor Soccer action, with seating for 1,000 people and a VIP lounge licenced for the occasion.

★★★

Indoor Soccer's brilliant inter centre competition exploded into action last week with a full round of games completed.

Bundamba Sportsway had the honour of hosting the first fixture when they entertained the well-established Sunnybank club.

Bundamba did not let their club down and took out the four match series with two well fought out draws and two solid wins from their C and D grade teams.

The second match was between Runcorn and Chandler. Runcorn did well to keep the match alive with a good win.

However Chandler are very strong in A and B grade and as expected took out the match 3 games to 1.

St Lucia were home to Lang Park. St Lucia took the match comfortably with a 4-0 win.

A Grade: Bundamba 3 Sunnybank 3, Runcorn 2 Chandler Capita 9, St Lucia 3 Lang Park 0.

B Grade: Bundamba 6 Sunnybank 6, Runcorn 5 Chandler 7, St Lucia 8 Lang Park 4.

C Grade: Bundamba 12 Sunnybank 0, Runcorn 3 Chandler Capita 0, St Lucia 6 Lang Park 2.

D Grade: Bundamba 8 Sunnybank 1, Runcorn 1 Chandler Capita 19, St Lucia 14 Lang Park 5.

Overall points ladder in club championship as follows St Lucia 12, Chandler 10, Bundamba 10, Sunnybank 6, Runcorn 6, Lang Park 4.

ROSEBUDS' FRAGRANCE IN WIN OVER CENTRAL COAST NEWCASTLE

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

ADAMSTOWN Rosebud increased its lead to five points over Belmont-Swansea United and its goal difference to a huge 21, with a 4-1 win over luckless Central Coast in Saturday's match at Adamstown in the Tooheys State First Division.

Central Coast keeper Darryl Slatyer played his part in keeping the Rosebud forwards at bay until Sean Ingham scored shortly before halftime.

But Rosebuds, who took the field without Central defender Neville Power, who announced his retirement during the week, were too strong after the break as Gavin McDonald and Glen Chapman added goals before Paul Corbett replied for Central Coast.

An own goal in the 71st minute by midfielder Matt Garland ended another unhappy day for Central Coast, which has not recorded a point after eight games.

In the match at Weston on Sunday, Weston Bears came from 2 nil down at halftime to force a 2-2 draw with Belmont-Swansea United and lost the chance of a spectacular win when Dave Miller failed with a second-half penalty kick.

A goal by Ian Johns and an own goal by defender Peter Killen presented

the Belswans with a commanding lead at the break. But Tom Stirrat and Mark Fullick gave the Bears a share of the points with second half goals.

Lake Macquarie City recorded its fourth draw of the season when it held Highfields Azzurri to a 1-1 result in the match at Whitebridge.

West Wallsend, with a 3-1 victory over Cardiff at Johnson Park, sneaked into third place, one point ahead of Azzurri. Warren Shipley, Martin Ansell and Robbie Green scored the Bluebells goals. Cardiff's loan goal came from Russell Mansley.

After a scoreless first half at Austral Park, Au-



DARRYL SLATYER

Ross Wells put Azzurri ahead in the 17th minute with a finely angled drive from left to right only for Lake Macquarie fullback Michael Wilkes to duplicate the effort from a Kerry Caban cross five minutes later.

Safe goalkeeping by Craig Kelly and some over-anxious finishing attempts by the home frontline worked against an Azzurri victory, although in the later stages of the game Steven Piggott and David Brenton also missed with match-winning opportunities.

All fixtures in the first division next weekend will be played on Sunday. The draw is: Belmont-Swansea United v Wallsend at Blacksmiths; Central Coast v Highfields Azzurri at Pluim Park Lisarow; Lake Macquarie City v West Wallsend at Macquarie Field; Adamstown Rosebud v Austral United at Adamstown Sports Ground; Cardiff v Weston Bears at Lymington Park.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE-NORTH

KRSLOVIC PUTS CROATIA BACK IN

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

ONLY two matches were played in the League last weekend, with the competition back to normal with a full round this week.

Croatia were the big winners accounting for Uruguay 5-0 at Cook Park to lift themselves back into the top four. Tony Krslovic was the main destroyer scoring three classy goals.

Warringah remained bottom after succumbing to relentless pressure from Sutherland, Warringah lost their keeper sent off just before halftime and the reserve keeper carried off three minutes from time.

Sutherland's two goals came from the spot with Tony Clarke easily converting both, one in each half.

URUGUAY 0 CROATIA 5

Uruguay were never in the hunt from the start against this Croatia machine and from the third minute on were behind the eight ball.

Tony Krslovic scored direct from a free kick on the edge of the box with the keeper well beaten. Krslovic repeated the dose after

half an hour with an identical goal from the same place although keeper Carbajal was able to get a touch but couldn't prevent the goal.

Croatia continued in the same vein in the second period with Tomic fouled in the area in the 55th minute. Robert Grubba made no mistake to increase Croatia's lead from the penalty spot.

Ivan Tomic laid the foundations for Krslovic's hat-trick with a brilliant run down the flank and cross to Krslovic who volleyed home sweetly in the 75th minute.

Ten minutes from time sub. Bernard Voloder ran straight through the defence and scored from the edge of the area to complete the rout.

WARRINGAH: Carbajal, Crane, Pauling (Mavrac), Leiker, Martinez, Stourmaras, Bruno, Borelio (Gomez), Rossini, Genc, Gurrola. Best Players: Genc, Bruno, Martinez.

CROATIA: Woodhouse, McLean (Voloder), Grubba, Stipic, Whant, Allilovic, Kardum, Ciscato, Krslovic, Orlic (Sekulic), Tomic.

SUTHERLAND 2 WARRINGAH 0

The Blues from the south moved confidently away from the bottom bunch last Sunday in their incident-packed clash with Warringah.

Although this was to be Sutherland's home game they had to be content with playing at Arlington Oval, no picnic of a pitch. Despite the atrocious condition of the park, Sutherland via two penalties neatly tucked away by Tony Clarke were well on top throughout.

Warringah had their problems however. They lost their keeper Lahiff before the interval, sent off for a professional foul off the ball having been earlier booked for dissent. Lahiff was dismissed in the 40th minute.

To add to Warringah's woes Carlo Giovenco was fouled in the box in the 43rd minute and Clarke made no mistake from the spot.

Into the fray at halftime stepped reserve keeper

Spurs want Woods

UK UPDATE

SPURS are still keen on Rangers goalkeeper Chris Woods and have asked Graeme Souness to name his price for the 27-year-old England star.

In spite of tremendous success at Ibrox, rumours persist that Woods' family have not settled in Scotland since his \$1.200,000 move from Norwich last year.

And that has encouraged Spurs boss David Pleat in his hunt for a successor to 38-year-old Ray Clemence.

Rangers, however, aren't exactly short of cash and are under no pressure to part with their popular Englishman, who has another two years of his contract to run.

The key to the whole deal is Spurs centre-half Richard Gough, the man Souness made three unsuccessful bids for when he was a Dundee United player.

If Spurs would be willing to part with Gough in an exchange deal, then Woods could be on his way back to England. If not, Spurs will have to look elsewhere for their new keeper.

Already he nabbed Israeli captain and central defender AVI COHEN who was at Liverpool with him six years ago.



Innovative defensive formation by ACT Media Allstars blocks attempt by Victor Fernandez. (FIFA please note the effective two goalie approach)

CAMERA:
NEIL HUMMEL

NEXT WEEK

Can you expect Heidelberg United and South Melbourne Hellas to climb up the West End Soccer League table?

FOUR

APIA'S FOOD MAESTRO

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FRANK MOIO, Apia's food and beverage manager, was called upon to use all his undoubted gifts recently to prepare a lavish feast for some special guests, plus a very special visitor.

Sydney's Apia Soccer Club has a magnificent dining room and this occasion was a dinner in honour for Italian World Cup star, Francesco Graziani.

In pleasant surroundings, the guests had paid \$1,000 to wine and dine with the Italian ace international, and Frank Moio certainly did not disappoint.

As the attractive blonde singer-pianist, Shelley, played soft dinner music on her ivory white baby grand piano, Frank was busy providing delicacies from his kitchen.

He knocked out the guests when he dished up a "double curtain-raiser" for entrees.

The first was a fabulous mixed seafood cocktail,

quickly followed by a delicious healthy serving of specially prepared Cannelloni, a la Moio.

the waitresses cleared the tables as the guests were obviously quite content to finish off with coffee and ports.

It was obvious to one and all on the night that Graziani was more than impressed by the splendid array of the food.

But our friend Frank, the Italian food maestro from 'Samos,' was not finished.

He then released a barrage of grilled lobsters and scampi as the "Main-game" served with silver-service, fresh vegetables.

And if that wasn't enough, waiters circled the splendid dining room tables with large silver, hot platters of freshly grilled fish.

Everyone went away with a feeling of complete satisfaction.



Apia's Frank Moio, master of feasts.

With super efficiency.

Frank Moio, grazie.

UPDATE Across the States

EAGLES WIN ON TACTICS

TASMANIA

BY WALTER PLESS

WHITE Eagles, the reigning champion in Southern Tasmania's Cadbury State League competition, took over the league leadership from Olympia-WPL when it beat the latter 3-2 at KGV Soccer Park in midweek.

Olympia made two basic tactical errors. First, it changed a winning combination that was playing superbly by leaving out Ken Morton and Peter Vafakos, and second, it reverted to attacking through the middle instead of down the flanks.

As it was, Olympia scored first through a terrible lack of concentration by the Eagles defence at a corner. Forster floated the ball over from the left, the ball was allowed to bounce in the 6-yard box, and Paul Xanthopoulos launched himself as if he had rockets in his boots to head home past a static defence.

Eagles had dominated the first half despite falling behind seven minutes before the interval and it asserted its superiority by equalizing eight minutes into the second period.

The Olympia defence was badly at fault this time. Richard Leszczynski was allowed to cross the ball on the ground across the goalmouth and to the far post where Andrew Leszczynski scored the easiest of goals.

Richard Leszczynski, the league's leading marksman, then struck twice in the space of twelve minutes to give Eagles an unassailable lead.

His first came in the 65th minute when substitute Robert Gorniak crossed from the right and Scott Young headed against the angle of crossbar and post. The ball rebounded to Leszczynski who drove home through a crowd of players.

The second, which put Eagles 3-1 up, came in the 77th minute. A long throw-in was allowed to bounce in the penalty area and Leszczynski powered a header into the net.

Olympia pulled a goal back seven minutes from time when it finally decided to go down the flanks. Defender Anthony Greenwood accelerated around the fullback and whipped over a perfect cross for Paul Xanthopoulos to

score his second goal of the evening, again with his head.

Croatia-Glenorchy and Juventus-Pioneer retained third and fourth spots, respectively, both teams being on 16 points but Croatia having a slightly superior goal-difference.

Croatia beat Hawrah 3-1 after falling behind to a Jason Harvey goal after 24 minutes. Hawrah player-coach Alistair Hales' brilliant pass put the youngster clean through the Croatia defence and he lobbed the ball over goalkeeper Rodney Tatton to score off the underside of the bar.

In the 62nd minute, Croatia equalized from the penalty spot through John McIntyre after Hawrah full-back Tony Fabrizio had tripped Neil Thomas.

Tony Bacic increased Croatia's lead in the 64th minute after McIntyre had flicked the ball on for him, and McIntyre completed the scoring in the final minute by converting a cross from the right by Colin Francis.

Juventus-Pioneer returned to top form after failing to win its past four games when it beat Hobart City-Azzurri 5-0 in the "Italian derby".

John Broadhouse hit a hat-trick as he showed some semblance of last season's form, while Steve Kannegiesser and Romeo Frediani completed the scoring with excellent headers.

In the final match of the round, Rapid remained firmly entrenched at the bottom of the table after going down 5-0 to Caledonians.

Calies had new Victorian signing Stephen Gummer on show and he did enough before being substituted in the 62nd minute to indicate that he will be a real asset.

Midfielder Glen Callaghan was the man-of-the-match. However, he opened the scoring for Calies in the 24th minute from Tim Robins pass and then released Ian Parker on the right in the 35th minute for the midfielder to cross to the far post where Bevan Schwaiger headed home.

Tim Robins scored twice in the second half to give Calies a 4-0 lead before Dale Blake's accurate centre enabled Lachlan Erry to head a consolation goal for Rapid.

QUEENSLAND

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE Lions, now coached by Gordon Arrowsmith following Col Bennett's resignation last week, have regained the lead in Queensland's XXXX league competition.

But the premiership table has split into two halves following last weekend's round of matches.

Lions edged ahead of rivals North Star, on goal difference only, after they beat Mount Gravatt 2-0 and longtime leaders North Star dropped a point in a 1-1 draw with Coalstars.

The two pacesetters, who both have announced their intentions of a 1988 NSL bid, have broken away and led the league by three points with 20 points each. Lions have an impressive 15-goal difference than North Star.

Bennett stunned Lion officials last week when he handed in his resignation stating business and family commitments had prompted his decision. The committee the next day appointed Arrowsmith, who coached Lions in the NSL for 12 months up until early last year.

But the mid-week change of coaches didn't seem to affect Lions as they continued on their winning ways, posting a 2-0 win over Mount Gravatt at Dittmer Park.

Although 10 rounds remain to be played, Lions and North Star, irrespective of who eventually wins the premier title, are now almost certain of a semi-final berth. They are now a massive seven points clear of fifth placed Olympic. While any real chance of joining the big two, along with third and fourth-placed teams Azzurri Brisbane City and Easts.

LIONS EDGE OUT NORTH STAR

Grange Thistle are dropping the table with six points, but gained a valuable point last weekend with a 1-1 draw against Rochedale.

With Taringa losing 2-3 on a one-goal better goal difference over Thistle.

But just above the threatened two are a host of others who cannot afford to make a slip for fear of plummeting into the last-placed relegation berth.

Three teams are huddled precariously on eight points, just one win above the battling Taringa and Grange Thistle.

They are Coalstars, Rochedale and Redlands. Redlands are in the best position as they still have a washed out game in hand, against Mount Gravatt.

Coalstars showed a return to last year's all-conquering form when they staged a gutsy 1-1 with North Star at home last weekend.

North Star took the lead with a backheeled goal from Alan Marley but Coalstars stormed back with state team striker Mark Brusasco netting the equaliser and being desperately unlucky not to get a winner late in the match.

Rejected state squad member, Kieran Cooper, continued on his goalscoring way and netted a goal in Azzurri's 3-0 win over Olympic.

Cooper now has 10 goals in 12 games. The two points kept Azzurri firmly in third place and ended a sensational nine match undefeated run from Mike Milovanovic's Olympic which took them from being cellar dwellers to top four hopes.

This weekend's matches are unlikely to change the situation much unless there are upsets.

Lions probably have the toughest match of any of the top half of the table teams when they host Olympic. But they beat them 7-0 in the first round and will be looking to match that this time.

In other games, North Star host Taringa, Rochedale are at home to Coalstars, Easts clash with Mount Gravatt, Azzurri entertain Redlands and Ipswich United play Grange Thistle.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

(by courtesy Hornsby Heights Sports Club)

ALIGHT hearted but meaningful guide:

1. Thou shalt not encourage thy child to score goals by the payment of filthy lucre.

"The real reward from playing soccer is simply to enjoy the game. Losing or winning are largely incidental".

2. Thou shalt not rave, shriek, scream or rage, or otherwise misbehave from the sidelines during a match.

"Parents can and should inspire the team — 'Come on Hornsby Heights', 'Well played Hornsby Heights', etc. in a civilised manner. Encourage good attitudes of behaviour by example."

3. Thou shalt never criticise thy child, no matter what the result of a game.

"Where a team has lost, not a single member of the team needs to be told they did not play too well for they will know only

too well. Always try hard to find something to praise, to encourage."

4. Thou shalt never criticise thy coach.

"Coaching can often be a far from easy task. Remember, when a team wins well, the team usually receives the praise. But when a team loses it is often the coach who is blamed. Tolerance, support and understanding is required."

5. Thou shalt not advise or 'coach' a child from the sideline.

"During a game, allow the team to play as they see it should be. Rarely can a child hear properly. Shout extraneous 'advice' during a game, and it will more than likely cause some confusion."

6. Thou shalt fully support thy coach in all he does.

"Encourage him to take a fully active part in the

Club's activities, attend meetings, coaching courses, etc. Your team will be the real beneficiaries".

7. Thou shalt mighty encourage thy child in the concepts of sportsmanship and fair play at all times.

8. Thou shalt cause thy child to always desire to train conscientiously.

9. Thou shalt mighty endeavour to thoroughly enjoy the children's Soccer with them.

BRIAN NORTHCOTE COULD RETURN FOR ADELAIDE CITY

BY TOM MCKAIN

AFTER a couple of hiccups, Adelaide City is back on the track and could still retain the NSL title it won last year — although this time it will have to do it by finishing top first up, and not from the play-offs.

However, coach Zoran Matic, while saying "don't write us off for the title" is predicting only a top-five spot at this stage.

The three-week break while the Socceroos were in Korea has been a Godsend to the SA team.

It has given Paul Wilde, Bugsy Nyskohus, Lemmy Vatsilas and Joe Mullen time to recover from injuries, and the only man still out is Tim Mullen, brother of Joe.

Another worry has been veteran Nyskohus, still receiving treatment for an old ankle injury, but the tough defender has played with worse, and will line up against Melbourne Juventus on Sunday.

City shattered the league when it went to Sydney before the recess and defeated the high-flying Croatia.

But the main problem facing the champions is their thin squad, with centre back Neville Flounders still out after a knee operation.

David Dickinson, a Scottish guest on holiday, has been trialling as a fullback, and young Colin Miller has broken into the squad from the reserves, who play in the State Second Division.

City has kept in touch with most of the NSL team

playing in the State League Second Division, and their superstar, Charlie Villani, with the Socceroos in Korea.

Vatsilas (from the SA State League) and Andy Toland (WA), the major signings, have been in and out of the senior team, but are beginning to grasp City's style of play although they are not expected to be first choices this week.

Midfielder Adrian Santac should again be the playmaker and if he fails Sergio Melita, who made the last 23 in the Socceroo squad, will be expected to take over as well as the ball up to the opposition along with Villani.

While these men are important to City, the team seldom fires unless Joe Mullen burns.

He should be back to his bustling best as the key front runner after the break as he was struggling following a quick return from a knee operation.

And there could be another boost within two weeks with the expected return of midfield destroyer Brian Northcote, out since last season following an Achilles tendon operation.

He reckons he'll be back in time to help City keep the title!



Action from the recent schoolgirl titles.

NORTHERN NSW WOMENS SENIOR STATE TEAM

NORTHERN NSW will be travelling to Alice Springs from August 22 for 2 weeks to attend the national titles.

Current national squad members are marked * current youth squad +.

The team was selected over the June long weekend held at Tamworth each of the three

divisions A/A, U/18, U15 contested were won by the Macquarie District, with the Central Coast as runners-up.

Squad: *Sharon Dewar (capt), Dawn Patterson, +Lisa Van Dorp, Donna Pullen, *Renate Iserif, +Katrina Barsby (Central Coast), *Janelle Renshaw (Tamworth), Katie Bearly, Linda Todd, *Karen Men-

ties, Maree Burke (Newc), *Sue Buswell, *Lean Wright (v.capt), Linda Hughes (Macq), Alison Templeman (Inc), Barbara Crossley, Monique Sutherland, Barbara Webster (Arm).

Coach: Garry Chamberlain, Assistant Coach: Jeff Templeman, Manageress: Geraldine Prosse, Physio: Bill Trenney.



MARCONI stars Bruce James and Tony Henderson on the Central Coast. Tony O'Brien received the Player of the Year Award.

A great Final but . . .

PROBLEMS FOR BRITISH FOOTBALL

Well known local Soccer journalist Gino De la Scerri reviews some of the football seen on his recent overseas trip.

BRITISH Soccer has to cope with more problems today than it ever had to deal with in its long history.

One of these problems is, of course, the worsening behaviour of the crowd; or that part of the crowd they call 'yobs' — a crowd of youths hell-bent on giving Soccer the bad name it has earned in Europe.

The well-behaved English sportsman has been relegated to the history books. In fact the 'yobbo' is present even at cricket ovals.

At a cricket match between England and Pakistan in Birmingham, a spectator had his jugular vein and windpipe severed by a broken bottle, in a pitched battle at the ground.

But to return to Soccer, I was almost caught in the thick of a fight between rival supporters outside Wembley Stadium before the final.

Then there were fights in Glasgow when 31 were arrested at Hampden Park, and 108 arrests outside the ground.

These incidents occupied as much space in Britain's newspapers as accounts of the matches themselves.

WYONG TEAM OF DECADE

HAVING been asked to select a Wyong 1st Grade team from players who have played during the last decade, one must first look at the Wyong sides performances over these past 10 years.

During this period Wyong has won 3 Premierships, 4 League Championships 4 Association Cups as well as numerous pre-season competitions such as the Wyong Cup, as well as the first ever Monier Cup in 1986. Wyong has played in every semi-final series during those last 10 years except for the 1986 series.

Looking back on the early years of this period the major clashes were with the Wyoming Tigers whilst later in the decade there have been memorable games won and lost against the Umina Eagles.

Before getting down to selection of the 10 year team, I think it should be noted that over this period Wyong has had 4 well known coaches, all of whom have had great success with their respective teams. The four coaches being — BILL MCINTRYE, JOHN O'BRIEN, NORM JACKSON and myself. All these coaches have tasted success with their respective sides, winning Premierships and/or the League Championship as well as the prestigious Association Cup.

History was made firstly in 1983 when Wyong became the first Club to win Premierships in all 3 grades and secondly in 1985 when the 1st Grade team won all competitions run by the C.C.S.A., namely Premiership, League Championship, Association Cup, Wyong Cup.

I should now move along to the selection of a team made up from players who have given their best to Wyong Club over this past 10 years. No easy task I assure you.

I have called on the knowledge of previous coaches and players and also my own experiences as coach of Wyong and also as an opposing coach and player to previous Wyong teams. During these discussions whilst differing opinions occurred as to the actual make up to the team, generally all agreed to a squad made up of the sixteen players listed.

1. Tony SAVIA
2. Harold GUIHOT 4. Andy JARRETT 3. Bruce STRINGER
5. Ian MEHMET
7. Neville MASON
8. Graham BOULTER
9. Stewart TOWN 10. Errol MEHMET

Subs. Rod Bowman, Ray Boulter, Tony O'Brien, Ross Sanders, Bill McIntyre

The above team would be my own choice but as you can see by the quality of players warming the subs bench there are a lot of other options available. Those options would be exercised depending on what team was to be played and the style of game to be used against them. No doubt there will be many friendly arguments over the selection and positioning of players in the squad however this is what makes the game interesting and everyone is entitled to their own opinions.

Four of the above players have won the C.C.S.A. Player of the Year — Ian MEHMET 1977, Ross SANDERS 1978, Stewart TOWN 1985 and Tony O'BRIEN 1986, also Ray BOULTER was the leading goal scorer in 1986.

— GEORGE SOUTAR.

Nelsinho's cross from the left was cleared, but the ball went back to the same player.

Then as the Scotland defenders expected another cross, Nelsinho shot from a more acute angle between the Scottish goalkeeper and the near upright, fooling Goram, who had replaced Leighton in goal.

Still, the Scotland goalie parried, but the ball ran loose as the goalie fell to his knees.

Miller, Scotland's full-back, was about to scramble away to safety, but Rai, quicker than the Scottish defender, thrust a foot from behind Miller and sent the ball in the far corner over the still-kneeling Goram.

Ten minutes later Valdo made it 2-0 with a magical solo effort that earned him a standing ovation from the appreciative Scottish spectators.

Brazil may not be the World Cup team yet, but the Cariocas can always be relied upon to produce the unexpected as the football artists they are.

Show of Shows

But notwithstanding Scotland's plucky first half, when with a brilliant Cooper leading them, the Blues had an equal share of the exchanges, and in spite of a superlative second half by Brazil in the same match, the football show of shows that I saw in my three weeks' stay in the U.K. was the Cup Final at Wembley between Tottenham Hotspur and Coventry.

To start with, the Spurs of Wembley were light

years away from the team that played in Australia three years ago.

In this Cup final, Tottenham turned out a show of outstanding power, especially on the flanks with Clive Allen and Chris Waddle's sparkling wing play irresistible, with Hoddale making up an almost unstoppable trio.

Hotspur's Achilles heel was in the defence, with Clemence too nervous for a goalkeeper of his experience, and a suspect organisation of the full-backs.

Coventry's Cyrille Regis kept this defence on its toes, especially in the first half.

Kilcline, till he was injured and replaced by Rodger in the 89th minute, ably aided by Downes, held the fort at the back against the Spurs' furious onslaughts.

Gunn, a late selection, provided the masterful touches in midfield, and Bennett, a sheer joy to watch, was the master draughtsman who spelt danger with a capital 'D' every time the ball was inevitably going his way.

Coventry played the continental way with patient build-up from a string of uninterrupted passes.

And although the winner was an own goal by Mabbut, who tried to clear a Lloyd McGrath cross, Coventry looked the potential winners to me even when they were twice in arrears.

They deserved to win the Cup after their 104 year wait.

They deserved to win it in their first final. And they deserved to be the first team to beat Hotspur at Wembley.

ROCKHAMPTON REVIEWED

June 3: RICHARD EVANS' Rockhampton representative side are warned by their coach to "start from square one" in the Morning Bulletin Cup defence against a defiant and unpredictable Gladstone side.

Evans said that a setback at the hands of the never-say-die coast team would be an unfortunate stutter in a season of high achievements.

New members in the Rocky line-up were Frenchville mid-fielder Gavin Jenkins and CIAE's Roy Benson.

June 4: A flurry of first half headers lead to a 3-0 victory for Rockhampton over Gladstone under lights at Ryan Park.

After 17 minutes Brad Smith nodded in a corner and Peter Marshall also headed in after 25 minutes from a Brett Newman cross.

With but twelve minutes remaining before full-time Marshall claimed his second with a fierce 25 metre first time drive.

June 5: Despite the win senior coach Bevan Dingley had to defend the side as he confirmed that the knives were out for the squad after the scrambling win against what was a mediocre Gladstone outfit.

He said of the upcoming clash with Eastern Suburbs: "The match has no bearing on the Easts clash, and people who think Rockhampton is in for a flogging will be surprised," said Dingley.

June 12: The Rockhampton side resolve to meet fire with fire against Brisbane Premier League club Eastern Suburbs.

Said coach Richard Evans: "We will go all-out for that early goal which will take the pressure off us. And this will be a real pressure game, with so much at stake."

June 13: Rockhampton take an early lead against Easts only to be pegged back by an unbelievable goal from Jim McDonagh, his 18 metre strike going right through the hands of keeper Steve Cunningham. Rocky went ahead again through a beautifully taken goal by Brad Smith soon after the break.

However two minutes later Eastern Suburbs were level again when Tony Kane headed home a free-kick.

Then came the tragic late goal that wrecked Rockhampton's hopes as McDonagh escaped his marker for one of the few times in the match and knocked in the winner, giving the final 3-2 scoreline.

WOMENS SOCCER

NSW Club Championships

PAGEWOOD, AUCKLAND SECURE THE LAURELS

BY PETER JONES

OVER the three day Queen's Birthday holiday weekend, the NSW Women's Soccer Federation organised the State Club Championships at Everley Park, South Granville. Although WSL players were ineligible, the standard of play was excellent, with great enthusiasm being shown.

Based on a 'Round Robin' contest, there were nine Senior All Age teams, in two pools, together with four teams each in the Under 15s, and Under 17s.

Although this was a State club championship, the Federation had invited an Auckland Under 17 team to participate - which strictly speaking was not a 'club' team - and they proved to be the stars of the weekend.

They impressed everyone not only with their brilliant play, but in their sheer sportsmanship and enjoyment of the game.

The Auckland girls put on a display of outstanding precision and skill, playing with a maturity well beyond

Natalie Allen at left-back played with a determination that deserved more.

Time after time Auckland would mount an attack down the wings, but on Natalie's side it was not often that the ball was taken past.

And young Kay Yadin on the left wing showed tremendous speed, determination and skill in working the ball. Had the Auckland defence not been so rock solid, many more of Kay's passes would surely have been better rewarded.

Both play-offs for third place in the Under 15s and Under 17s were tense and evenly matched struggles,

wood team generally having both a height and speed advantage, the final score being 2-1 to Pagewood.

A mix-up in the goal mouth after about 20 minutes saw Pagewood go a goal up, but Leanne Evans - who was surely one of the smallest girls on the field - was a constant danger to Pagewood, for she was quite tireless in struggling for possession of the ball.

Had the Blacktown halves played the ball down on the ground, in between the Pagewood backs, for Leanne to run onto, her speed and skill may well have reversed the result.

As it was, with the ball up in the air so many times, her height disadvantage prevented her from obtaining control of the ball.

Pagewood's centre half Lyn Diggleman was the foundation for their excellent win. Lyn scored the second goal which sealed the match, but also wrapped up control of the centre of the field so well.

Her ball distribution was excellent, with Julie Steiner in centre, and Sandy Watts and Jennene McKinnon on the wings getting such good possession they were constantly probing and setting up attacks - many of which were only foiled by the sheer determination of the Blacktown goalie.



A North Coast player in full flight.

their years.

Takau Waikata, at left back, was particularly memorable, even in a team where every player was well above average.

Her mighty long distance throw-ins were the dismay of all the teams, who had to try and find some sort of defence to them.

The Auckland back four as a whole played absolutely rock steady Soccer, and it was rare for any ball to get in between them, let alone a player! It did happen, but very seldom.

Up front for Auckland was Amanda Crawford, whose sheer ability and coolness controlling the ball in and around the penalty area was the downfall of all the opposing defensive backs.

The accuracy with which Amanda was shooting at goal, even when closed down by a couple of very determined backs, was a major factor in the scores of usually four or five goals in a match.

In the Under 17 final, Auckland met with Wentworth Waratahs, in a repeat of the previous day's pool match, and the Waratahs, though outclassed, played well and simply never gave up.

Danielle Cheers in goal played a game that bordered on brilliant, and achieved a major contribution in keeping the Auckland score down to a mere four.

Tanie Westrip, Blacktown's right back, was very solid in defence and tackled well. Impressive too were Narelle Evans and Donna Smith for Blacktown, both of whom simply never stopped trying.

It was a wonderful weekend of Soccer. Well organised, and played with the right spirit - and with very little rain on the last two days! And a word of thanks to the referees who did their task so well, not always an easy job.

Speaking to the Auckland coach after the games, the invitation was put forward to the NSW Federation to send over one or more teams, up to and including All Age, to New Zealand next year.

Billeting would all be arranged, and the girls would be well looked after, and obviously the standard of play would be extremely high! With a good response the event could well become a favourite bi-annual gala.

SENIORS: (Pool A): Girraween United, Drifters United, Gladesville Ravens, Riverstone. (Pool B): Blacktown A.G., Dundas, Pagewood, Penrith R.S.L., Wahroonga. **UNDER 17:** Auckland, Epping Eastwood, Wentworth Waratahs, Doonside. **UNDER 15:** Gladesville Ravens, Smithfield, Shelly, Castle Hill.

**NSW YOUTH LEAGUE****Macarthur v Rockdale
Under 13. Score 6-0**

After playing out a two-all draw in the first round the Macarthur lads managed to take all the chances that came their way and finished comfortable winners over Rockdale.

Scorers: Paul Stubbs 2, Chadd Meredith, David Neary, Shannon Brown, Alfonso Mora.

Under 14. Score 2-0

Rockdale are always a tough team to crack and the Macarthur boys need congratulating on sticking to the task right to the end.

Joel Markou as always was strong in goal and the Rockdale team never looked like beating him.

Scorers: Jason Hazelton 2.

Under 15. Score 2-1

The Macarthur 15s were yet again called upon to show their enthusiasm and determination when Rockdale scored early in the match. A super fight-back by the team to run out eventual winners with goals by John Ryan from the penalty spot and John Humberstone late in the second half.

Under 16. Score 2-1

The top of the table clash between Macarthur and Rockdale brought out the best in both teams with the game being a tough and close affair. Macarthur scored their first goal from the penalty spot and went into the dressing shed at halftime locked in a one-all scoreline.

After a lean spell during the last five games John Weston managed to find the back of the net and this Macarthur goal proved to be the difference.

In all a fine effort from the entire squad which sees us safely in the top four.

SCORERS: Anthony Denison, John Weston.

**Melita v St George
Under 13. Score 0-0**

This was a tough hard fought affair with the nil-all scoreline being a fair result as both teams had many opportunities to win but were unable to convert.

NSW AMATEUR FEDERATION**COMING EVENTS**

★ NSW Australloyd Amateur Cup, U21 Robertson Cup and U18, 16, 14 State Cup finals

VALENTINE PARK, Sun Aug 23

★ NSW Champion of Champions R1 City September 13 Finals Sun Oct 18

VALENTINE PARK

★ State Championships U11, U12 Sept 26/27/28

State Championships U13, U14, U15, U16 October 9/10/11

VALENTINE PARK

QUICK QUIZ

Q1: A defender standing outside the penalty area, handles the ball when it is on the penalty area boundary line. What is the correct decision?

Q2: A player from each team have run behind the goal line. The defender prevents his opponent from going back onto the field of play by holding him when the ball is in the penalty area. What action should the referee take?

Q3: After the ball has been kicked from a goal kick an attacker moves into the penalty area and heads a goal. Should the goal stand?

Q4: A defender standing within the penalty area handles the ball in an attempt to prevent a goal however he only succeeds in deflecting the ball into the net. What is the correct decision?

Q5: From a goal kick the ball passes outside the penalty area and strikes the referee who deflects the ball into the goal. Is the goal allowed?

ANSWERS

Q1: A penalty is given as the boundary line forms part of the penalty box.

Q2: The game is stopped and the offending player is cautioned. Play is then recommenced with a drop ball as the offence occurred outside the field of play.

Q3: No goal. The ball must pass fully outside the area before it is in play. The goal kick is retaken.

Q4: Goal. The laws of the game permit the referee to apply the advantage rule in this situation.

Q5: Question of the week. Place your bets and catch your mates out. Answer next week. HINT: A goal kick is not the end result.

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Supporting 130,000 players in the State

NSW ACADEMY TO AIS

THE NSW Soccer Academy training squad will visit the A.I.S. later this year as part of the ongoing programme.

RUSHY'S CORNER

The 1988 squad will begin training on December 7 for two weeks followed by another two weeks in early January.

Bankstown's Under 14 team is having a successful season and are presently running equal second.

Michael Chisholm and Brett Kelly have been scoring regularly while at the other end goalkeeper Scott Allan has been in superb touch and is presently trialling with the State Under 14s.

Ian Huddlestone, Director of Coaching with the Bankstown Association, will be conducting coaching clinics at Neil

Park during the school holidays for advanced junior players from within the Association.

The club is hopeful that this will help introduce many new players to next year's representative and Youth League teams.

Rasic Guest

The NSW Coaches' Federation held a successful meeting on Monday June 15 at Parklea with Rale Rasic being the guest coach.

The 40 or so members who were present were quick to pick his brains and I am sure that all those in attendance left with an enhanced view of coaching techniques.

Coaches wishing to join the Coaches' Association should hold a Level Two certificate and may do so

by attending the next meeting and liaising with Mr Vince Balzan.

Champions of Champions dates have been set with the first round being played on September 13 and the finals set down for October 18.

Bill Cullinan, competition secretary, informs me that nominations from the associations for the Champions of Champions will close on July 31.

State, Amateur and Robinson Cups finals will be played on August 23.

Under 11 and 12 state championships are to be contested over the weekend of September 26, 27, and 28 and the Under 13, 14, 15 and 16 state titles during the weekend of October 9, 10 and 11.

Marconi Under 14 goalkeeper Gary McGee recently broke his thumb. Gary however has not been idle and he has been able to hold a first team spot on the field.

All the Marconi teams have come into form at the right time of the year and the results achieved over the last three weeks have elevated the club to the top of the club championship.

Officials within the club are reported to be very happy with the present situation.

Hawks

Junior club Hills Hawks are hoping to have their first ever representatives in the prestigious Champions of Champions competition. The club which plays in the Gladesville Hornsby Association has two teams, Under 10s and Under 13s lead-

ing their respective competitions in Division One.

Gladesville

With only a few rounds to play in the Gladesville Hornsby competitions, likely representatives to the Champions of Champions are as follows: Under 9: St Andrews. Under 10: Hills Hawks. Under 11: Gladesville United.

Under 12: North Epping Rangers or Thornleigh. Under 13: West Ryde Rovers or Hills Hawks.

Under 14: North Epping Rangers. Under 15: Normanhurst or Ravens.

Under 16: YMCA or North Epping Rangers. Under 17: St Andrews. Under 18: West Pennant Hills. All Age: Gladesville United or North Epping Rangers.

Best of luck to all teams in the coming weeks.

ANSWERS TO TERRY GIBBONS

RUSHY replies to Mr Terry Gibbons, whose letter to the Editor appeared in last week's A.S.W.

In answer to your first question, — why do we have Youth League? The Youth League competition provides for the top 250 or so players from the Sydney, Central Coast and Wollongong areas to compete with and against each other.

It is hoped that the majority of these players would also be receiving top quality coaching and through their participation in a first class competition will improve their skills and understanding of the game, as well as having the opportunity to be selected to represent the state.

In fact the question which you should be asking yourself is — what is the role of the junior club?

In my opinion it is first and foremost that it should provide an opportunity for all youngsters to participate in a team sport. The junior club's first aim should be to promote enjoyment and participation as well as an understanding of the skills of the game with a low emphasis on winning. (The players will themselves hold winning in high regard and therefore it requires no promoting).

Secondly the junior club should encourage those players with special talents to play at the highest level if they so desire and at the same time the club should take pride in seeing their ex-players move up in the world.

Of course unfortunately most trophy-hunting coaches don't see it this way and instead they discourage players from

moving up to a level more suited to their abilities, in order to enable them to win the local competition.

LOSSES

You mention that your club has "lost" 25 players out of a total of 48 to Youth League.

While this is a very hazy statement, if it is true then your club should be very proud of its achievement as I believe that it would be second to none within Australia.

You have made the point that rep teams, and I assume you mean Youth League teams, are competing with club teams for players. This statement is the equivalent to saying that your club's first division team is competing for

players with another club's second division team. It doesn't make sense.

There is no competition, players have the right to play at the highest level available if they wish. You however do not have the right to hold them back.

Destination

The question of where do players go after Youth League.

At the moment those players with the ability and the motivation are channelled into the Under 19 or Reserve grade competitions.

Not everybody makes it. However by playing Youth League these players have at least had the

opportunity.

Nevertheless it is a fair point that there is a large gap between Under 16s and Under 19s and you will be pleased to learn that the situation is being looked at by the NSW Amateur Federation.

You go on to ask two more questions with regard to Sydney Olympic, APIA and Melita. However I fail to see the point of the questions and would be interested for you to elaborate further.

Hopefully I have helped you to understand the Youth League set-up and that you are open minded enough to think about the points I have made.

Take pride in the fact that players you have been involved with have moved on to a higher level and encourage them in all their endeavours.

Heaven knows they will need all the encouragement they can get if they are to go all the way.

ADRIATIC YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 19 SATURDAY 27TH JUNE GROUP A

Marconi	v	Sthn. Districts	Marconi No.2
Cant/Marrick	v	Sydney Olympic	Arlington Oval
Illawarra	v	Blacktown City	Towradgi Park
APIA	v	Melita	Lambert Park
St George	v	Ku-ring-gai	Peakhurst Park
Central Coast	v	Sydney City	Bill Plum Mem.
Nepean	v	Gladesville	Cook Park

GROUP B	Rockdale	v	Sutherland	Tempe Res.
	Macarthur	v	Canterbury	Ponderosa Park
	Manly	v	Blacktown	Cromer Park
	Croatia	v	Nth Bankstown	Jensen Park
	Avala	v	Yugal	Knight Park
	Bankstown	v	C/town City	Memorial Oval
	Polonia	v	Uruguay/Pen	Chopin Park

NSW Youth League**ROUND 18 SATURDAY 20th JUNE GROUP A**

Sydney City	v	Marconi	U13	0-7	0-3	2-1	1-1
Sthn. Districts	v	Sydney Olympic	U14	0-3	0-1	2-6	0-4
Blacktown City	v	Cant/Marrick	U15	1-1	0-0	4-2	4-0
Illawarra	v	APIA	U16	1-3	1-3	3-4	0-1
Melita	v	St George		0-0	2-1	2-0	0-1
Gladesville	v	Central Coast		2-0	2-2	0-1	0-3
Ku-ring-gai	v	Nepean		0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0

GROUP B	Sutherland	v	Bankstown	3-0	2-1	2-2	11-0
	Macarthur	v	Rockdale	6-0	2-0	2-1	2-1
	Canterbury	v	Manly	5-0	1-1	0-0	1-1
	Nth Bankstown	v	Blacktown	1-1	2-2	0-5	1-0
	Avala	v	Croatia	0-2	1-7	1-1	0-1
	Uruguay/Pen	v	C/town City	0-1	5-1	3-2	3-2
	Polonia	v	Yugal	3-0	0-0	4-0	W/O

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

U12	U11	1-1	—	
Illawarra	v	Macarthur	2-0	0-2
Nepean	v	Blacktown	1-2	2-0
Gladesville	v	Canterbury	0-4	—
Manly	v	Southern Dists	0-2	0-4
Central Coast	v	St George	2-6	0-2
South East	v	Granville	1-2	3-2
Granville	v	Bankstown	1-2	3-2

VICTORIA

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES	
Maribyrnong	15 9 2 4 44 16 20
St Albans	15 9 2 4 40 28 20
Green Gully	15 8 3 4 33 15 19
Morwell Falcons	14 8 3 3 31 15 19
Croydon City	15 6 6 3 27 22 18
Fawkner	15 7 4 4 32 28 18
Box Hill	15 6 5 4 22 21 17
Broadmeadows	14 8 0 6 30 23 16
Thomastown	14 7 2 5 23 17 16
Northcote City	15 4 7 4 28 26 15
Springvale City	14 5 2 9 23 35 10
Caulfield City	15 5 0 10 32 47 10
Frankston Pines	15 4 2 9 27 53 10
Western Suburbs	15 4 1 10 33 49 9
Oakleigh	15 1 3 11 20 50 5

VIC ONE

PROV TWO	
Ringwood City	13 10 0 3 23 9 20
Bulleen	13 9 2 2 19 8 20
Sunbury Utd.	13 8 3 2 21 10 19
Essendon City	13 6 4 3 22 15 16
Altona Gate	12 7 1 4 24 13 15
Nth Dandenong	13 7 1 5 20 10 15
Knox City	13 6 3 4 19 16 15
Altona Rovers	12 6 1 5 17 14 13
Werribee	12 4 4 4 12 10 12
Richmond	12 1 8 3 11 14 10
Doncaster Rvrs	13 2 2 9 11 31 6
Nunawading City	12 0 5 7 6 16 5
SM Mordialloc	12 1 3 8 9 23 5
Melbourne	13 1 3 9 4 29 5

RESERVES

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Westmeadows	13 8 4 1 38 19 20
Mossfiel	13 9 2 2 28 14 20
Sunbury Utd.	13 8 4 1 27 15 20
Ascot Vale City	13 7 3 3 28 20 17
Crabourne	13 6 4 3 26 15 16
Monbulk	13 7 2 4 18 12 16
Berwick City	12 5 4 3 19 10 14
St Yarra	13 5 3 5 23 21 13
Batman Utd.	13 5 1 7 20 33 11
Monbulk Utd.	12 9 1 2 36 10 19
Brunswick City	12 8 3 1 26 8 19
Mossfiel	12 8 2 3 26 17 18
Monash Uni	12 6 5 1 31 10 17
Berwick City	12 7 2 3 24 20 16
Glenroy	12 6 2 4 33 17 14
Crabourne	13 5 2 6 22 20 12
Ascot Vale Cy	12 5 2 5 23 22 7
Batman Utd.	12 4 2 6 20 20 10
Brunswick City	12 3 3 6 25 31 9
Dingley Utd.	13 4 1 8 17 30 9
Forest Hill	13 3 2 8 18 34 8
Wanirna	12 1 3 8 17 57 5
St Yarra	12 1 0 11 13 44 2

RESERVES

PROV THREE	
Waverley Utd	13 8 3 2 31 14 19
Mooroobark	13 7 3 3 27 12 17
Clifton Hill	13 6 5 2 25 12 17
Dandenong City	12 7 3 2 17 11 17
Sandringham	13 6 5 2 15 10 17
Prahran City	13 6 4 3 32 17 16
Nth Geelong	13 6 3 22 22 15
Waverley City	13 5 4 2 21 17 14
Doveton	13 3 5 5 13 15 11
Altona City	13 3 3 7 19 21 9
Ringwood Utd.	13 3 3 6 14 19 8
Eltham	13 3 2 8 13 31 8
Hamlyn Rgrs	13 1 5 7 14 27 7
Mornington	13 1 2 10 40 44 4

RESERVES

RESERVES	
Clifton Hill	13 10 2 1 41 7 22
Waverley City	13 7 4 2 36 17 18
Mooroolbark	13 8 2 3 22 8 18
Doveton	11 7 3 1 35 17 17
Etham	12 6 2 4 25 16 14
Sandringham	13 4 6 3 20 17 14
Nth Geelong	13 5 3 28 20 13
Altona City	13 4 3 6 16 16 15
Westgate	12 4 3 5 11 13 11
Hamlyn Rangers	12 3 4 5 15 22 10
Dandenong City	11 3 3 5 10 12 9
Prahran City	12 4 0 8 23 26 8
Ringwood Utd	11 2 1 6 15 28 7
Mornington	13 0 0 13 4 86 0

RESERVES

PROV FOUR	
Kensington Utd.	13 8 3 2 23 12 19
Carrum Utd	13 8 3 2 23 12 19
Ascol St Marks	13 7 3 3 33 13 17
Brintons	13 8 1 4 32 21 17
Lyndale Utd	13 6 2 5 24 21 14
West United	13 4 6 3 15 12 14
Altona United	13 5 4 2 17 16 14
Eagles Utd	13 5 4 4 16 18 14
Balacrava	13 4 3 6 18 31 11
Ringwood Rovers	13 4 2 7 26 39 10
Parkmore	13 3 4 5 17 43 10
St Kilda	12 3 2 7 26 33 8
Northern Utd	12 2 3 7 15 46 7
Richmond Utd	12 1 4 2 22 42 6
Port United	12 1 0 11 8 64 2

RESERVES

PROV FOUR	
West United	13 12 1 0 41 6 25
Ascol St Marks	12 9 1 3 36 18 19
Skye Rovers	13 7 3 3 36 15 17
Brintons	13 7 1 3 34 24 15
Kensington Utd.	12 6 3 3 30 22 15
Riversdale	12 5 4 3 30 12 14
Carrum Utd	13 6 2 5 27 23 14
Eagles United	12 4 4 4 23 28 12
Balacrava	12 5 2 5 29 35 12
Lyndale Utd	13 2 5 6 21 30 9
Altona United	13 3 3 7 34 50 9
Fitzroy City	13 4 0 9 21 40 8
Ringwood Rovers	13 3 0 10 27 54 8
Riversdale	13 1 6 6 15 23 8
Skye Rovers	13 1 6 6 12 20 8

RESERVES

PROV FOUR	
West United	11 7 2 2 40 25 16
Hawthorn Utd.	11 7 2 2 25 12 16
Waverley Wdrs	11 6 3 2 35 18 15
Phillip Inst	11 5 4 2 18 12 14
East Altona	11 6 1 4 30 23 13
Melbourne Uni	11 5 3 2 21 12 13
Diamond Vly Utd.	11 4 3 6 15 15 11
Karingal Utd.	13 4 3 6 19 25 11
Langwarrin	12 4 2 6 12 13 10
Prahran	13 4 2 7 13 25 10
Bell Park	10 0 4 6 29 4
Geelong	11 0 1 10 2 34 1

RESERVES

PROV ONE	
Greensborough	13 8 4 1 25 11 20
Nth Sunshine	13 8 3 2 20 11 19
Ardear	12 7 3 2 28 15 17
Keysborough	13 7 3 3 21 13 16
Seaford Utd.	12 7 2 3 21 13 16
Pascoe Vale	13 5 4 4 15 13 14
Hawthorn	12 5 4 3 16 19 14
Holland Park	12 5 2 5 22 17 12
Coburg	12 3 5 4 20 21 11
Diamond Vly Utd.	11 4 3 6 15 15 11
Karingal Utd.	13 4 3 6 19 25 11
Langwarrin	12 4 2 6 12 13 10
Prahran	13 4 2 7 13 25 10
Bell Park	10 0 4 6 29 4
Geelong	11 0 1 10 2 34 1

RESERVES

PROV ONE	
Greensborough	13 8 4 1

AUSSIE JERSEY

I HAVE this problem. I want an Australian jersey, to buy of course, but I can't find one.

I've seen the advertisement in your paper, which I buy every week, for other international jerseys, but NO Aussie jersey.

I rang the ASF and came across a receptionist which got me nowhere.

I've also been trying to get some Winfield Socceros stickers, but still no luck!

You're my last chance. Please help me — no-one else will!

T.T. Demovic
Cronulla 2230

PS: At least your magazine is there when I want it. Keep up the good work. (Good point Tony. We can put out your message and hope for the best - Ed)

LIVERPOOL SUPPORTERS

MY name is Marc and I am secretary of the Liverpool Supporters Club based here in Melbourne.

Originally formed in 1986 our aims are simple, firstly to unite all Liverpool fans by way of a Supporters Club and secondly to provide our members with information about our great Club and its activities. This is done in the form of a bi-monthly magazine "The Anfield Express".

To help promote the existence of our Club I was wondering whether you would be able to give us a mention in your publication and print the following contact addresses:

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Marc Brekau — 4 Cresmont Court, St Albans, Vic. 3021.
Steve McLeish — 8 Royal Court, Ivanhoe 3079.

On behalf of our Club I would like to thank you for the coverage you give to the UK football scene.

Marc Brekau,
St Albans 3021.

THE OAK TURNER CUP

GROUP finals will take place on Tuesday June 23 and Tuesday June 30 at Francis Park, Blacktown.

Three games will be played on each night commencing at 4.30.

On Tuesday June 23: Group 1 finalists Balgowlah v Castle Hill. Group 2 finalists Epping v Blacktown Patrician Brothers. Group 6 finalists James Cook High v Kogarah High.

Tuesday June 30: Group 3 finalists Richmond v Girraween High. Group 4 finalists Prairiewood High v Liverpool High. Group 5 finalists Christian Bros Burwood v Canterbury Boys High.

Final playoffs and the Sydney final will take place at end of July.

It is hoped that each school will bring along their supporters on these important nights.

During the break for the Socceroos tour of Korea, last year's champions have stacked the side with seven NSL players.

The exercise has two purposes.

- To keep the NSL players in shape.
- To gain promotion to the First Division.

"We have to attract young players, and they won't come if we can't offer them a First Division game along with the chance of making the NSL squad," said Johnny Perin, coaching co-ordinator and coach of the Second Division side.

The former Socceroo, who played alongside Johnny Warren, has found recruiting impossible because City's reserves were in the Second Division.

"The rules say any player registered with City can play in the NSL or any of the local leagues, so we are not breaking any rules," said Perin.

"We must get into the First Division. In the long run I can't see it doing anyone any harm."

ASW would like to wish popular Daily Telegraph Soccer writer John Taylor a speedy recovery from a major operation.

John underwent a replacement hip operation last Friday week, but was in great spirits on the Monday morning after the operation following a good report from his specialist.

John will remain in hospital for another two or three weeks and will then recover at home for another two or three weeks. He should be bright and chirpy when he finally gets back into the thick of things.

THE North Tasmanian over 35 team scored a 10-3 victory in a League match over Riverside Olympic's third grade side. Foden scored six, Baker 3 and Singh one. They're determined to be prepared for their trip to the Gold Coast later this year.

NEVILLE Flounders, Adelaide City's star centre back, is progressing following a knee operation.

His medics and coach Zoran Matic are delighted with his recovery — but they won't let him back on the training track too early, and still say he may have to wait until next season.

But Flounders is still hoping to make it towards the end of the season.

CHRIS Manou, Hellas midfielder in the NSL who has been cooling his heels for eight weeks following a transfer dispute, reports he did not miss playing.

"I thought I would have been lost, but I was surprised to find it didn't matter all that much," said the giant who went training with Footscray and was also on Adelaide City's wanted list while his future was being sorted out.

At the time of going to press he was due to meet Hellas officials.



APIA's extrovert goalkeeper Tony Pezzano really brought the house down when he was asked to interpret for Graziani during his speech.

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The Wide World of Football

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY present the best coverage of the world game as FRANK COLETTA brings you the latest news and views along with the best pics from overseas.

COLIN Murphy has quit Stockport and has been re-appointed manager of Lincoln City, the club that has been relegated from the Fourth Division into non-League soccer.

HERO of the week is the Brazilian full-back Josimar, who never stopped smiling as he kicked lumps off England at Wembley and had the time of his life after the game.

The bright lights and pretty girls of the West End proved such an attraction to the Brazilian superstar that he didn't quite make it back to the team's hotel that night.

Brazil's manager Carlos Alberto Silva fined Josimar his match bonus for what he called; "A breach of discipline," but refused to elaborate.

Josimar, after treading on Gary Lineker's toes at Wembley, was seen in the early hours of the following morning putting in a body swerve or two on the dance floor at the Valbonne, a well known London night club.

ENGLAND manager Bobby Robson flies to South America this week to watch the England Under 19's play in an international tournament in Brazil.

THEY'VE sold the football posts at Hampden Park in an auction!

A soccer fanatic from Kettering paid \$12,400 for the posts, which were used for the last time in the bore-draw between Scotland and England last week.

The reason is that the old square posts are being replaced by the more modern round ones. Perhaps the change will bring better fortune to Scotland next season.

Out of seven matches in the campaign that has just finished they won just once under the management of Andy Roxburgh, and that was against Luxembourg.

Former Scotland, Celtic and Manchester United star Paddy Crerand said after the dreadful match against England; "It is just unbelievable that Scotland could have appointed a footballing nobody like Andy Roxburgh as manager."

Paddy always was one to sit on the fence!

ASTON Villa's England Under 21 striker Mark Walters has priced himself out of a lucrative transfer to crack Portuguese club Benfica.

When they heard Walters was demanding a signing on fee and a year in wages. Benfica called the deal off.

SECRETARY Peter Day has carried the can for the cock-up on FA Cup final day which left Spurs crying in their beer and sponsors Holsten accusing them of not being able to organise a booze-up in a brewery....or words to that effect.

Six Spurs players appeared in kit without Holsten's logo, and the company missed huge exposure to the world-wide TV audience that tunes in to watch the most famous domestic tournament of all.

And at the end of the screaming and shouting that went on behind closed doors at White Hart Lane, secretary Day, after 10 years with the club, is out on his ear.

THE bullet has also been given to John Bond at Birmingham, with the Fleet Street tabloids describing him as 006 after parting company with his sixth club.

He has yet to see the funny side and said after chairman Ken Wheldon had done the foul deed; "I've been treated like a lump of dirt."

Actually, the irate Bond used another word which is entirely unsuitable for a family newspaper and added; "You wouldn't treat a dog the way I have been treated."

Now Wheldon, who earlier in the season gave Bond the traditional footballing death sentence with a vote of complete confidence from the board, has appointed former St. Andrews star Garry Pendrey as boss.

Pendrey's first task will be to persuade Trevor Francis to sign for Brum from Italy.

Actually he'd do Birmingham a favour if he persuaded the injury-prone Francis not to sign.

Trevor's not exactly the sort to put himself about on a freezing-cold February afternoon in the wilds of Oldham when things start getting rough.

WALSALL chairman Terry Ramsden has been granted a promoter's licence by the British Boxing Board of Control.

SUPERSTRIKER PICKS NEXT ENGLAND BOSS



ENGLAND'S GARY LINEKER reveals just who he feels should be the next manager of his country.

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I have played under four different club managers and I am convinced that one of them will become a future England boss.

There is no question of Bobby Robson retiring before the next World Cup, nor should there be after his brilliant job in steering England into the World Cup Quarter-Finals.

He really showed what progress he has made in handling a very difficult campaign in the heat, altitude and difficult lifestyle posed by Mexican conditions this summer.

Bobby is here to stay. The point I am making is what when it comes for the Football Association to consider a replacement, possibly after the next World Cup, there are two names I would throw in the ring as possible successors.

One is Terry Venables, my Barcelona manager. The other is Howard Kendall, boss at Everton.

I count myself fortunate to have worked with both men. They are both England material because of their depth of knowledge, ability to get the best out of players, and their deep-seated desire to see England on top of the world again.

Terry's all-purpose style in Barcelona is guaranteed to produce good teams. You can never anticipate him. Variety is the name of the game.

Action

He barks instructions in English and by the time his interpreter, Graham Turner, has translated in Spanish, Mark Hughes, Steve Archibald and I are snapping into action ahead of our Barcelona team-mates.

I wouldn't want to have the job of choosing between Howard and Terry

but what a wealth of managerial talent the FA has available should Bobby Robson step aside.

I am sorry to say that the English fan image abroad is even worse than I expected.

The riot earlier this year on the ferry between Manchester United and West Ham fans just confirmed what the foreign clubs and fans believe — that English supporters are a bunch of hoodlums.

It hurts me because I know that 99.5 per cent of English fans are well behaved. It is the price we must pay, I suppose, for distorted Press reports and a bad track record.

I saw more violence at a friendly match in Majorca this season between Barcelona and the local team than I have ever witnessed in England. Bottles were hurled onto the pitch in some of the ugliest scenes I have seen at close quarters.

Did they get reported in England? I bet they didn't get a mention. That aside, I am loving every minute of this new life.

You don't panic if a player disappears before a match in Spain. No police searchers are necessary. If it's a Barcelona star, you'll probably find him praying for success in the Nou Camp chapel just before kick-off.

Matches start at 10.30pm, because the afternoons are so hot you'd fry.

You will find the Barcelona lads tucking into a pre-match meal at the time Football League clubs would be kicking off on a Saturday afternoon.

And what a feast! First, a

large salad with those giant Spanish tomatoes. Then spaghetti. Then steak and chips. Then a sweet... and wine. Yes, the players are allowed to drink wine before a game.

I stick solidly to spaghetti and a soft drink but apparently this massive Roman-type feast, followed by siesta, has been the diet on which Barcelona have gained so much success over the years.

I am still discovering things at the Nou Camp. Barcelona's trophy room looks as if it houses everything except the Crown Jewels! It's about half a mile long with silver spread wall to wall.

Turn a corner or two and you walk into an ice skating ring. Yes, Barcelona have their own ice hockey team.

I am sure Bobby Robson will be worried about

the form and fitness of his England men strung far and wide across Europe.

It took me a little while to get over my rib injury but I reckon I am a better player now than when I scored 40 goals for Everton last season.

The World Cup gave me invaluable experience against the sweeper system that I will face in England matches around the world. And it has also helped me in the Spanish League, where you meet some of the toughest defenders in football.

My wife Michelle and I travel everywhere by taxi because I don't fancy trying to park a car out here.

If you happen to be in Barcelona on holiday you'll probably find me in one of the city's magnificent restaurants — not too expensive — tucking into freshly caught seafood.

It's not a bad life...

FRENCH FLAVOUR TO WATFORD GAME

FRENCH World Cup striker Dominique Rocheteau is desperate to finish his playing career in England... and Watford is his ideal target.

The Paris St Germain star has several contacts within the Hertfordshire club and last season made his ambitions clear to Watford chairman Elton John.

Rocheteau, now 32, says: "It has long been a dream of mine to play in the English First Division and I am determined to make the dream a reality.

"I am in contact with several clubs and I'm hoping for good news in the very near future. What attracts me to England is the lifestyle and way of thinking that would suit me.

Fabulous

"The atmosphere inside the grounds is fabulous and I like the way the British footballers go about the job."

Real Madrid were this week crowned champions of Spain, three points ahead of Barcelona. In the Copa Libertadores Cobreloa of Chile defeated Guarani of Brazil 3-1 in Chile.

The Spanish FA have decided to abandon their League play-offs after only one season because of a lack of interest. To make up for lost revenue, the Premier Division will be increased from 18 to 20 clubs next year.

ENGLAND and Manchester United captain BRYAN ROBSON (below) heaped the best possible praise on NSW goalkeeper ANTHONY FRANKEN following last week's interstate clash in which Robson turned out for Queensland.

After the match Robson referred to a save by Franken from a blistering shot by striker Mark Brusasco: "You wouldn't see a better save in England than that," he stated.



DIEGO MARADONA (below) led Napoli to a monumental League and Cup double last weekend when the Neopolitans accounted for Atalanta 4-0 on aggregate in the Italian Cup.

Bruno Giordano's 85th minute goal via a Maradona pass gave Napoli the 1-0 second leg win in front of 12,000 people in Bergamo. The first leg in front of 30,000 being a 3-0 victory.



Last week ASW brought to you the tragic World Cup lives of Holland and France. In this week's special feature we present a pictorial tribute to the tragic teams.



Chelsea's costly slip

The could have had Dorigo for nothing

CHELSEA \$950,000
new boy Tony Dorigo could have joined up at Stamford Bridge five years ago — for the price of a stamp!

That's all it would have cost The Blues to recruit the England Under-21 full-back, at that time a starry-eyed youngster in Australia.

Dorigo explains: "I picked what I considered to be the top dozen clubs in England and wrote to them asking for a trial."

"I'd never been out of Australia but said I'd been willing to pay my own expenses. All I wanted was a chance to show what I could do. I was confident in my ability."

"Aston Villa said I could join them for four days, Manchester United wrote back to say that they couldn't offer me anything but I'm afraid Chelsea and all the others never even replied."

Villa hit the jackpot in offering Dorigo the trial he wanted so badly. He was quickly taken on as an

apprentice and before long was knocking on the first team door.

Still only 20, he clocked up more than 100 senior appearances for the Midlands club and actually rejected Chelsea's initial approach, preferring to stay and help Villa in their fight against relegation.

"Villa were going through a really bad patch when Chelsea first came in for me," he adds. "And there was no way I was going to leave a sinking ship."

"I'll always think the world of Villa because they gave me a great schooling. Brian Little was a tremendous influence on me when he was youth coach and Ron Wylie also helped me a great deal. But it was obvious I was getting stale there."

"When I received a telephone call telling me the deal was on again I decided to move. Chelsea are very, very ambitious and John Hollins impressed me."

Dorigo's arrival at Stam-

ford Bridge takes Hollins' spending to over \$4½ million as he reshapes the Chelsea side who were rock bottom of the First Division for a spell last term.

"When you look at the players at Chelsea it's a sure sign that they mean business. I wouldn't have left Villa otherwise."

'Challenger'

"It's a tremendous chance for me to show what I can do. Bobby Robson has already noted my name for the Under-21 side and I'm

really hoping he will consider me as a challenger to Kenny Sansom and Stuart Pearce for the left-back position.

"I've come a long way in a short time and been pleasantly surprised by my progress. It seems I'm even a big name back-home, judging by the number of Aussie papers who've rung me since the transfer went through."

"Only trouble is, because of the time difference they've been phoning me in the middle of the night!"

Fergie fury

Manchester United boss ALEX FERGUSON has slammed the Scottish FA for refusing Celtic permission to play in ARTHUR ALBISTON'S testimonial for fear of crowd trouble.

Storms Fergie: "They let us travel to Parkhead to play in ROYAITKEN'S testimonial before they put the knife in by stopping the return. Arthur has been treated very shabbily."

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

VIV Anderson's only regret when signing for Manchester United was that it didn't happen 15 years ago.

England's classy 30-year-old full-back unashamedly admits he always dreamed of playing for the club, and couldn't turn down the chance offered to him by Alex Ferguson even though United rejected him as a schoolboy trialist.

Anderson is the first of the clutch of big name signings promised by Old Trafford boss Ferguson while others at the club are set to pay the price of failure.

Chris Turner and

Graeme Hogg have been transfer listed, while Peter Davenport, Colin Gibson, Terry Gibson and John Sivebaek all appear to be fighting for their futures as Ferguson scours Europe for the talent to restore United to its former glory.

Anderson says: "I could easily have signed another contract with Arsenal but you don't get many chances to join a club like United."

"The manager is hungry for success and says he wants to reshape the team. I decided that it wasn't any use me looking back and cursing myself for not taking the chance to be a part of any glory."

He adds: "I had three fantastic years at Arsenal and it was a big wrench to leave but I want to find out if I can help rekindle the fortunes at Old Trafford and develop my game around players like Bryan Robson, Gordon Strachan, Jesper Olsen and Paul McGrath.

"I can't think of any reason why United cannot win a trophy or two during the next few seasons. It would have been pointless me leaving Arsenal if I thought otherwise."

He recalls: "I travelled to Manchester from Nottingham over a period of a year during school holidays."

"Then one day the coach in charge — whose name I can't remember — told me I wasn't good enough. I can still remember the bitter disappointment those words brought me."

PLAYERS SCORE ASYLUM

NINE Ethiopian Soccer players, who defected in Cairo after losing matches in a youth international tournament last year, have gone to the United States as refugees, diplomats and United Nations officials said this week.

A 10th player was still in Cairo while his papers were being processed by US officials, they said.

The 10 members of defeated under-16 and under-19 teams, sought political asylum at the US Embassy in Cairo because they were scared of punishment if they went home, Egyptian police said at the time.

The case apparently prompted Ethiopia's announcement two weeks later that it was withdrawing its national Soccer team and youth sides from international tournaments indefinitely because they were below standard.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Cairo ruled firstly that the 10 did not qualify as refugees.

But it decided later they merited refugee status because their lives would be in danger if they returned to Addis Ababa, a UNHCR official said.

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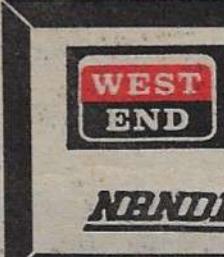
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